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Anglin, Gerald F.  
January 3, 1940

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St. Thomas More College  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
Jan. 3

Dear Bob:

Two books coming up. Thanks very much. Enjoyed your note with Basilian news items. We had a nice Xmas here altho' no trips were included in our schedule this year. Two new members of staff disappointed in Saskatchewan winters: best we have to show, to date, is a paltry 20 below, New Year's Eve; should have been at least 40.

Make sure the new letterhead, coat of arms, etc. is really heraldic. The old S.M.C. one wasn't. It is almost necessary to consult someone who knows practical heraldry, Cf. Fr. Rush's & my early effort with the masterpiece of an expert. Some of the obvious mistakes in ours: shield wrong shape; scroll does not fit a three word motto; foliage around shield wrong, un-heraldic (should be "mantling"); and other more serious errors in color & arrangement of devises on shield.

Have made the acquaintance of your acquaintance, Pat McCloy.

Best for 1940

Gerald A.



Anglin, Gerald F.  
January 3, 1940

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Regards to all. Am answering George's  
letter very soon.

G.

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the Basilian Fathers)



Edward J. Hartmann  
September 7, 1943

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S/L E.J. Hartmann  
C7377  
RCAF Overseas  
September 7, 1943

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the Annals which arrived recently. It seems to cover the ground thoroughly. I'M glad you managed to exclude the history of the Novitiate at Plymouth. I see the work of your master hand on page 2, I'm sure. The staff appointments will save a lot of mail inquiries. Please have the ranks of the Overseas R.C.A.F. chaplains amended to read S/L for such they now are, though unpaid and to be relinquished upon repatriation. I suppose our full title would be Hon. Acting Squadron Leader Unpaid. By the way, congratulations on your A.M.L.S., whatever it stands for. Assistant Manager of the Liquor Store? I'll be glad to contribute to the next number if you'll remind me in time.

Four of the seven parishes in the neighbouring town are O.S.B., and I've been doing some hobnobbing to counteract the influence of Gonzaga. Last Sunday night I went to one to pontificate at the observance of the National Day of Prayer ordered by H.M. the King. When I stood resplendent in my C.S.B. habit, one Fr. Aelred leaped from his



Edward J. Hartmann  
September 7, 1943

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dogmatic slumber and piped: "Ah! the old Sarum cassock!" Further inquiry elicited the information that it is the exact style used in the mediaeval Sarum rite and now affected by the very high Anglican clergy with non-Roman leanings. So you may take to task our arch-designer E. Leonard Rush, for putting one over on us and claiming a unique pattern. One of their churches was designed by one A.W.N. Pugin, of whom I have sometime heard something somewhere. The O.S.B.'s are very hospitable lads and it's good to get a touch of community life again. The Annals serves a good purpose in that regard too, as I'm beginning to feel like a stranger to the C.S.B.'s

I have yet to lay eyes on Bob Lowrey or little Stanley. Possibly Bob is abroad. I note that our chaplain list is growing. I resent the favouritism shown Bob in giving him the only full name in the list, and such an imposing address.

Just what was the basketful of degrees handed out by the University of Houston? It looks like a football roster. Speaking of degrees, where are Gislson & Martin? Don't tell me Steve is running another prison camp college.

I see that Frank Walsh gives discounts to Basilians and is very prompt at fill-





Edward J. Hartmann  
September 7, 1943

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ing orders. I presume he gives an autographed baseball with each order.

Who is running Mike Oliver's plantation at King, and also the famed Annesi? I see no mention of them in the appointments unless Capt. Murray runs them by remote control. What is Nig LeBel captain of? And Gerry Todd Flt. Lt. of? I'm ashamed of the U.S. confreres having such low ranks.

My regards to Terry and the brethren, and tell them my address is correct as given in the Annals. I find blended cigarettes a bit strong after all, so Players or Sweet Caps. would be better, or any straight Virginia.

Oremus,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
July 31, 1944

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S/L E.J. Hartmann  
C7377  
RCAF Overseas  
31st July, 1944

Dear Bob:

The Annals and enclosed letter arrived on July 24, a remarkably fast tript that even your study of transatlantic shipping couldn't have foreseen. It must have come by air. The book is a fine means of keeping us in contact with the home front. I am forced in the interestes of truth to take issue with Bob's <Lowrey> story. First of all, it wasn't Angelo's. It was Santi Romano's Maison Suisse, a small establishment in Soho, at which one can always be assured of a good repast. That particular night it was oysters on the half-shell, mini-trone soup, roast duck with real spaghetti, and the finishings.

Secondly, Bob didn't lose us. He lost himself, for I am a recognized authority on London in the Hackout, much sought after by my colleagues as a guide. That night's raid was the heaviest I was ever in. Our barrage was terrific, and there were x fires visible from Waterloo Bridge, on which vantage point we eventually recovered Bob. Apparently you had some difficulty getting several of the parishes and



Edward J. Hartmann  
July 31, 1944

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schools to let us in on their activities for the past year. Calgary seems to have spent the year in horticulture and infantile paralysis. In my time we also operated a fairly efficient high school. You did a pretty good job in making something out of Marty's report.

I can hear your chuckle when you discovered that you had scooped Hub Coughlin on L'inch's whereabouts. You can always depend on my letters to contain all the news before it's published. Stan flew down, so he must be ahead even of Tom Mc'ouey in flying hours. The big question now is: Did Tom keep intact his record of annual trips East? I understand he has made it for the past four years. It would be a shame to stop now.

I imagine the Crowley-Glavin combination was an all-time high in Gregorian Chant. It must have topped even your own choir-stopping effort at St. Joseph's. so far Benediction is the only occasion I've had to send my dulcet tones soaring to the English skies, so I may be slightly out of practice when I go to sing my Welcome-Home-Celebration Mass in St. Basil's.

The only pictures I've made so far have been those of burials. They're a bit grim, but might add an eschatological note to next year's Annals. Was it design that made you divide the necrology





Edward J. Hartmann  
July 31, 1944

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so that the list on the back cover begins with our association with the Community?

I can imagine that nothing is being run in a manner to suit Marty. It's just as well that Eisenhower is a fellow-countryman of his. Lynch got away in time to avoid meeting our new boss, with whom he is not on the best of terms, and whose visit is impending just now. I wonder he isn't afraid of being dethroned in his absence.

What is the "For Keeps" pamphlet about? It sounds as if it might be either gambling or marriage. The way things are going over here, the two are practically synonymous. You'd better a Domestic Relations course started in the Institute. It will be more practical after the War than "The Prohibition of Marriage Against Canons in the Early Twelfth Century". I really mean it. There's going to be an urgent need of specialists in that business. I had a boy in the other day whose marriage (mixtae) lasted just two months before the wife wanted a divorce on the grounds that she loved someone else. As far as I can see, the P. attitude here is quite pagan regarding marriage, and I don't hold much hope for the effect of the required six instructions against the background





Edward J. Hartmann  
July 31, 1944

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in which they have been raised. There's such a shortage of R.C. girls that most of the marriages seem to be mixed. I'm not even sure of the Spes Conversionis reason which is usually given for the dispensation, and I know that our V.G. always has the intention of Angustia Loci when giving them. So get the psychologists into action before they are caught napping. There were about 15,000 marriages of Canadian service men over here by the end of 1943, and they're still going on. I think the prospect of getting to Canada has no small influence on the anxiety of English girls to marry Canadians, and that doesn't seem a very sound basis.

Best regards to all,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
September 18, 1944

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S/L E.J. Hartmann, C7377  
RCAF Overseas  
September 8/44

Dear Bob:

I've received your Wooler letter of Sept. 3, and cigarettes No. JN4C27389. So far the new system has not begun to function. Let me have the dates and quantities you've sent up to the time of your next letter. If they don't begin to come soon, I'll call in the C.I.D.

The Canadian Chaplains of the three branches of the Service have kindly been invited to a luncheon which they themselves are giving to H.E. Card. Villeneuve. We'll probably make a dash to the shelter between each course. If the entire O/S chaplain service is wiped out by a pickaback flying bomb, don't blame me. Lynch's friend is also over here, so Cahill has free sway in Canada. He'll probably promote se.

We had a very fine retreat at Stonyhurst given by Rev. Jas. Brodrick, S.J., last week. The College is an immense place, set in 2,000 acres. It's filled with chapels, libraries, museums, swimming pools, rifle ranges, billiard



Edward J. Hartmann  
September 18, 1944

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rooms, play rooms, and even classrooms. The S.J.'s were lavishly hospitable to us in every way, especially in the browsing and sluicing. On the last night we had a discussion on the Reformation led by their history prof. who seemed to know all the answers. The retreat master presented us with his latest opusculum — "St. Theresa of the New World" (Ven. Mary of the Incarnation), so I countered by giving the rector a copy of your brochure on the P.I.M.S. He asked what sort of boys came to our schools. When I assured him they were drawn from all walks of life, he wanted to know if breeding didn't count! It recalled Fr. Heydon's story (or was it Fr. O'Neill's) of "Beaumont is what Eton was, ... etc." I didn't tell him that one can't wear a school tie on a sweatshirt.

The other day I buried a former S.M.C. boy, Bobbie Ives, of St. Catharines. Did you know him? By the way, Stonyhurst has seven V.C.'s. What can you offer? Surely more than Dr. Muckle's decoration. Perhaps we're leading in Bishops.

No one seems to have heard from little Stanley <Lynch>, so I'll rely on you for the latest gen on his activities.

As the chief chaplain was busy meeting



Edward J. Hartmann  
September 18, 1944

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the Cardinal, he was not at the retreat, and I was elected Superior. Has nay other Basilian sung Benediction within the hallowed walls of historic Stonyhurst?

Regards to all,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
October 10, 1944

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S/L E.J. Hartmann, C7377  
R.C.A.F. Overseas  
October 10, 1944

Dear Bob:

Here is the record of cigarettes received during the past three weeks together with the postmark on the label: JY4A88143 & JY4A88144, Aug. 8; 84A24300, Aug. 31; S455223 & S455224, Sept. 16. This is much faster than the former system, at least judging by the label dates. You can compare it with regards to the dates of ordering.

There was little complaint about the lack of freshness, except for a few Sweet Caps, issued through the Auxiliary Services, and they were not in catons. The regular ones are so well packed that they last for months without drying. However, the faster system at least allows us to imagine they are fresher.

Your letter of Sept. 29 came today. I hadn't heard of Tom Mooney's death. We had a meeting of all Canadian chaplains in England on Sept. 20 to meet and feed Card. Villeneuve, and it wasn't known then. I met Fr. John Daly there. When Rodrigue heard I was a C.S.B. he made a crack about his visit to St. Mike's. We had a reception and luncheon at Claridge's Hotel, with innumerable



Edward J. Hartmann  
October 10, 1944

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speeches. Archbishop Godfrey, the Papal Delegate, Griffin of Westminster, and McDonald, O.S.B., of Edinburgh were there. Several involuntary promotions were made as when Mike O'Neill referred to Griffins Cardinal. Rodrigue chipped in with "ex ore infantium". Then someone referred to our chief chaplain as Monsignor. The mutual friend of C.S.B. chaplains was there too, and at a meeting of our men the next day, I succeeded in upholding tradition by rousing his ire over some proposition I introduced. However, I used an analogy involving his monsignorate and rendered him inarticulate, much to the joy of my colleagues. It's fortunate chaplains can't be AC2's. It is too bad little Stanley wasn't there to put in an oar.

You'd better hurry up your building program to take care of the influx of ex-service men who'll be taking advantage of the education part of the rehabilitation plan.

Regards,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
December 28, 1944

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S/L E.J. Hartmann  
C7377  
R.C.A.F. Overseas  
28th December 1944

Dear Bob:

I have your letters of Nov. 24 and Dec. 8, and also thank you for cigarettes No. 10-4-C83148, N450495, and N450496. The first I note were sent by Rev. R.J. Scotland. You may lay off the Buckingham forever, as I find them a bit drying to the throat now that there is a beverage shortage over here. The parcel of foodstuffs also came. The Oka <cheese> was a rare delicacy, but I am forced to admit that your favourite cereal already forms a staple feature of our diet. Cheese, tinned fruit or juices, and prepared chocolate drinks are very acceptable. Spam, Spork, Prem, Kam, and other monosyllabic tinned meats are already here in too great abundance. Those little envelopes of prepared noodle soup, cocoa, etc. are light and easily shipped, and easy for us to use. We never get fruit juice or tomato juice, so if you can score up some, it would be welcome.

I am glad to see 2T8 doing so well. To judge from Garvey's job, I'll be in line for a chair in the Institute.





Edward J. Hartmann  
December 28, 1944

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I never get Mass intentions, so if you want some said, send the names along. When I do get a request for a Mass from a service personnel, I don't take a stipend.

I'm expecting your brother, Dave, through here any time. They're sending a lot of his trade home on a time basis, but perhaps he has a bit to put in yet. Most of them so far are 4 1/2 year men.

So far the Christmas season has passed successfully. I had a Low Midnight Mass for three good reasons: (i) no organ; (ii) no choir; (iii) no singing voice. However a station dance on the same night proved a formidable counter-attraction.

Best wishes for the New Year to you and all the confreres.

Sincerely,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
March 22, 1945

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S/L E.J. Hartmann  
C7377  
RCAF Overseas  
22nd March, 1945

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter of March 8, and cigarettes No. 1-5-B53003. I have finished the first thirty Mass intentions and have started on the second lot. I hope you and Hub realize that you're dabbling a bit in simony or something, as the standard stipend over here is five shillings. That means that you're chiselling me out of sixpence each time. No doubt that would eventually amount to grave matter. However, I fancy the cigarettes and boxes will cover that and save your conscience.

Apparently Lynch will not be missed while Hugh Mallon is in charge of the hockey machinations. It must be over by now and I'm anxious to learn the final results. We've just succeeded in having a softball pitcher posted to this unit, and are awaiting for his last unit to raise a row when they catch on. We have a pretty fast "house" league on the station, and also a station team in the R.C.A.F. league. Some of the natives wonder what it's all about, but they can't be more baf-



Edward J. Hartmann  
March 22, 1945

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fled than we are over cricket. I still hold down my old right-field post in the station league, and last year I fielded 1000. Only one came my way all season and I managed to spear it. It is all due to my Strawberry Island training under Frank Walsh. We also had a volley ball league during the winter, the teams being formed according to provinces. As I had voted in the Alberta elections a few weeks before, I felt obliged to lend my aid to that team. Then we had a blood lust game between East and West, the dividing line being an imaginary one running along Yonge Street from the waterfront to Hudson Bay. Bill Stukas is at present a transient on this unit.

We're pretty well into Spring now, and the early flowers are out, and leaves and blossoms are well along. There has been quite a spell of sunny weather, which is a relief after months of fog and rain. I suppose Queen's Park is in its usual state of spring flood and mud, the time-honored enemy of General Science students.

Since I began this several days ago, cigarettes No. 2-5-B16929 have arrived and the Allies have crossed the Rhine in force. Both are matters for thanks. I might say in passing that never in my long career of teaching English have I



Edward J. Hartmann  
March 22, 1945

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seen so many versions of spelling for Michael's as the Imperial Tobacco stenographers can think up. The latest one is Michales. However, they have finally succeeded in mastering your name correctly.

There is an air of expectancy around here since the big drive across the Rhine began, and hopes of an early end of the European fracas are high. But I fancy it will drag on for a while yet.

In case this reaches you within the Octave of Easter, best wishes to you and all the confreres. I long to hear your current rendition of the lamentations.

Sincerely,

E.J. Hartmann

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Edward J. Hartmann  
May 14, 1945

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S/L E.J. Hartmann  
C7377  
R.C.A.F. Overseas  
Ma y 14, 1945

Dear Bob:

I have received your letters of April 15, 29, and March 20. Thank you also for cigs. Nos. 2-5-A55007, 3-5-C31487 & 31488, and a parcel of delicacies valued at three bucks.

Well the VE Day whoopee has died down. It really wasn't as riotous as I had anticipated, probably because a week or so of rumours had taken the edge off the actuality. I was in Manchester that day, and apart from the milling millions waiting for something to happen, there wasn't much of great note. I understand London had the loudest noise.

Extend my congratulations to Hugh Mallon and his new champs. The series was followed with intense interest on this station, especially by several ardent Royal supporters, so I was glad of the triumph. We get a weekly 8-page C.P. News Review, and it has a rather good sports section. I've finished the second thirty intentions, and will let you know when I reach No. 90.





Edward J. Hartmann  
May 14, 1945

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I knew Mr. Calhoun very well, and received excellent co-operation from him when I was working on my opus on Catholic Books in the Calgary Library.

Our unit is about to move to a location near our erstwhile novitiate, so I'll be able to checkup on the origin of M.V. Kelly's chillblains.

I'm glad to see that my Prinknash Christmas cards exerted influence on your publishing ventures. The prayer cards will no doubt add somewhat to the already overburdened files in Fr. Basil Sullivan's breviary.

It's too bad about Johnny Mac. Now that I've passed the C.S.B. danger point of 40, perhaps I can look forward ad multos annos.

By a circuitous route I learn that Vin Kennedy is going in for the visitation in a big way, even to the extent of individual interviews. His report should make interesting reading, but I doubt if even you can get it into the Annals.

It is rumoured that I'm due for repatriation before too long, but I'll wait till it's more definite before giving any interviews to the British Press on



Edward J. Hartmann  
May 14, 1945

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my impressions of England. I'll let you know when to stop sending cigarettes. You'd better line up a refresher course in Theology for my post-war reconstructions.

Regards to all,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
September 13, 1948

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The Basilian Fathers  
121 East Boston Boulevard  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 13, 1948

Dear Bob:

I trust you celebrated yesterday in a fitting manner — with two bricks of ice cream. I have made a copy of this year's local appointments, and you may select the majors from the minors. Our current registration is 716, and the ultimate will be about 730. There were no degrees last year, but there are several in the offing. Our fees are \$80.00 per year. The corner stone of our new building will probably be laid about the time we are celebrating our silver jubilee. The architect phoned the other day to inform the superior that the present cost would be about double the estimated cost when the plans were drawn a few years ago.

We received a communications from Alex Denomy to the effect that he had lost his pants while sojourning here. As we were unable to find them, we co-operated by sending an old ragged pair that were lying around the house. I fancy Alex was not happy if he had to go down to the customs to get them. You might make discreet inquiries.



Edward J. Hartmann  
September 13, 1948

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I pass St. Anne's every Sunday on the way to my parish, and last Sunday for the first time in a year I noticed that the windows of the rectory were clean. You might note that in the ANNALS. I imagine the new pastor will make a general clean-up of the rats' nest of the third floor too.

We're playing Boys' Town in a night game at Briggs Stadium on October 16. YOU'd better try for Sunday work at St. Anne's. It would be worth the trip just to see the lighting system.

Best regards

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann  
April 24, 1949

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Catholic Central High School  
Detroit 2, Michigan  
School Address: 60 Belmont  
Staff Residence: 121 E. Boston  
Sunday, April 24, 1949

Dear Bob:

I am now indebted to you for three publications and two letters, and being confined to my cell with a heating-pad permanently attached to my lumbar region, I shall endeavour to fulfil my obligations. Lumbago and its allied ailments seem to be the curse of the Hartmanns. Besides my Mother's suffering for many years with arthritis, all four of use have periodically endured similar ailments, and now Genie is confined for a minimum of three months to the Ottawa General Hospital with sciatica.

ON BEING AND ESSENCE occupies a prominent place on my desk, but up to date it has served purely in the capacity of making an impression upon chance visitors to my cubiculum. About THE SIMPLE VOW OF POVERTY (Rendered Difficult) I was appropriately warned by the Visitor, and hence I look upon it principally as a lever with which Superiors will endeavor to pry from hard-working Basilians the meagre gifts which appreciative pastors offer as ex-



Edward J. Hartmann  
April 24, 1949

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pressions of their appreciation of the work of individual priests who happen incidentally to be members of the C.S.B. THE TERRORS OF THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND should make an impression upon my fellow passengers when I browse thoroughly through it on my Sunday morning journey to the Lithuanian parish of St. Peter. O, yes, while on the subject, one of the lay profs. at U. of D. asked for a list of Institute publications, so if there is such a thing I'd be glad if you sent it along.

John recently returned from an educational conference in Philadelphia where he picked up the interesting bit of clerical information that all Jesuits arriving Boston are required to proceed directly to Boston College before going anywhere else. From said institution they all emerge with the identical version of the Feeney fracas.

I did enjoy the Massey three-page version of what Cal Coolidge expressed quite adequately in one sentence, the historic, "I do not choose to run." That was a most typical Massey utterance.

And speaking of typical utterances, I shall forever preserve in my secret archives your classic expression of your opinion of the Lake Simcoe district, when, in speaking of Mrs. McIsaac, you



Edward J. Hartmann  
April 24, 1949

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wrote: "My recollections of that vicinity are such that it will take more than one stigmatic to erase."

You will rejoice to learn, if Rudy has not already reported it, that I broke into the mission field again by giving the students' Retreat in Rochester during Holy Week. Charlie Donovan made history with his remark on the first day: "You'll find these boys pretty good. Some of them haven't lost their baptismal certificates yet!"

Regards to all,

Ed.

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Canning F. Harrison  
1944?

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<Assumption High School  
400 Huron Line  
Windsor, Ontario  
1944?>

Dear Bob:

Frank Mallon suggested I send you a picture which might be of interest to all Basilians.

It's a snap of Strawberry Island taken last year when I flew over it on my way to the Air Station at Trenton.

We couldn't come in any closer to it because of the shifting load we were carrying.

The picture shows why the Island is well named Strawberry Island.

Frank suggested the Annals might use it if it is not too late.

Hope you are well and are keeping the Faith. Best regards to all & hello to the F/L's.

Your confrere in Christ

Canning H.

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M. Stanely Lynch  
August 24, 1944

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Written in English

No. C4159

Rank, Squ. Ldr.

Name M.S. Lynch

Sr. Dist. Chap. (RC) RCAF

Calcutta, India

Aug. 24, 1944

Dear Bob:

A million thanks for your letter and the 'Annals! By the way, Lowrey did not have dinner with us on the night of the heavy blitz at "Angelo's"; it was at "Romano's" in the Soho. I think he made a slip of the pen and his Toronto days unconsciously oozed out of his pen. If you go to London, I recommend 'Romano's' very highly. Out here our best eating spot is the "American Kitchen" and that is run by Chinese.

I spent the afternoon revamping my Mass kit and making it fit for plane travel. The guy that designed our kit must have been tight when he did it. I shrunk it down from thirty pounds to eight pounds. That is not half bad to have to cart through the jungle.

India is a rather fine country, but I think it was meant for the Indians. We are in the monsoons now, and the mild-dew covers your clothes over night. You sleep under a mosquito net at night



M. Stanley Lynch  
August 24, 1944

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& it is as hot as blazes. Lice on the cane chairs bite your bare arms & legs & where they miss, prickly heat gets you. However, it is a fine country and I like it very much.

I wonder if the Boss will let me bring my Indian-bearer back with me. He will protect you with his life, but will steal the shirt off your back. The bearer does all your work for you — shines shoes, lays out clothes, makes the bed, & cleans off the mild-dew.

The only picture I had taken out here was with Gen. O'Connor (U.S.A.) & the Air Vice-Marshall at a cocktail party. The other two had glasses in their hands & I had one hand missing. Hardly fit for the Annals. However, something will pop up.

I suppose Bill Nigh will get Tighe's post at the Novitiate. Do you want a monkey for an Institute Library mascot? There is a tribe outside my window.

Write soon & give me the news & best regards to all the gang.

As ever,

Tan Lynch

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H/Capt. R.E. Lowrey  
H/Q, 4 Cdn Armd Bde  
England, 26 June 44

Dear Bob:

I received your letter of 24 April containing the one of 19 April with wrong address on it. Although I have not heard much about it, there must be a 4 Cdn Infantry Brigade, too, so it is necessary to have the word Armored in there. As my letter to you for the Annals should have arrived soon after you sent yours with my correct address on it, I did not answer immediately.

I was glad to get the news about the gang. Tell Frank Boland I hope he is over the fever. Len Rush will be up from the South by this time with Joe Wey left to carry on in the Missions. They will miss Scotty, Glasgow, <John> Collins there. Congratulations to Dr. <John> Murphy.

I have set aside my Spanish for French now. Supposedly a Brigade that has not many French in it, I have about as many confessions in French as English. The other night at a spot where my Service Corps is in camp I had twelve out of fifteen in French. I started my Mass at 21.30 hours under a beautiful large tree. The double summer time meant





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light until nearly 11 o'clock. Three nights last week I had Mass at night, good numbers at confession and Communion. I was a little slow to start the night Masses which the Americans have been using right along. I am sorry now I did not start long ago. Of course the second front has a lot to do with the revival of the bare essentials of Catholicity. We are getting some long absent ones back. We have some saints in the ranks but the majority needed the imminency of action to get going. I fear the mighty current of Materialism has swept some of our boys along with it, if I may blame it on that to cover a lack of leadership we might have given, I should have said. Call it what you will that led them away, they are coming back after four years of home guarding this lovely island, and there is a chance of a fight.

In the beautiful big home where we live there is a big library that used to be filled with books, but as Pete Bart said about Fr. Carr's visit to the American Universities libraries not a d---- book in them. We use it for a lunge and bar. But I shall not forget your word about the mediaeval books.

Noted the success of the drive for Funds for high schools in Toronto. I saw it often in the Canadian Register which I get from Tom Mooney. I see him very





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very often. He is in the 10 Inf. Dbe. Besides the meeting we have every Saturday, he works with Al Kemp and me when we put a Blitz on for Confessions. Tom is from Kingston, was at St. Mike's (class '28)

War is going great. Was glad they did not have to destroy Rome to bring freedom from injustice and security from want to the Italians. Cherbourg is nearly ours now. Soon the Americans will be through there and they will be able to go up and help the British and Canadians at Caen. (Quiet please) They are getting control of the doodle bugs and it is a great relief — a jolly newsence, rawtha; and do they ever carry a wallop.

Haven't seen Lynch or Hartmann for some time. Marty <O'Toole> might be near me but security is such that we may be passing each other in the black out every night.

Please tell Sham that I have not forgotten him. Sorry about Bil O'Brien. I said some Masses for him. Tell the rest of the gang to write and as I am getting a bit better on the correspondence, they will receive a reply some time, (they hope).

My brother, Fred, calls me on the phone about once a week and I saw him for a



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short time ago when we ran into London together for the night. Frank is in Italy, if not passed the Alps since last news bulletin.

Well, Bob, I'd better close this off here. Things are going very well with me. Am in pretty good shape for one of the oldest chaplains. We had our best Xmas and Easter, spiritually, of the war and I think are ok now, but keep up the prayers. Send along some news of St. Thomas, none lately as I owe them all letters. Also Assumption and Rochester and Detroit. Saw Mike O'Neill recently, back from Italy; also Col. George Cherrier (St. Paul's, Toronto). He looks good after so long in action.

Well best to all, Bob, and remember me and the boys in your prayers and Masses.

Bob Lowrey.

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May 9, 1945

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H/Capt. R.E. Lowrey  
10 Cdn Inf Bde Workshop  
C A O  
Germany, 9 May 45

Dear Bob,

I hope I am not too late. Sorry, for the delay, I am putting in a lot so cut as you wish.

Nine months of it. But it seems like a thousand years since last July when we landed in Normandy. From Caen to Falaise was a terrible nightmare that went on and on into eternity. Some relief: a happy ride through northwestern France, past crowds of cheering people, mad with the joy of recent liberation (by our tank men). Then we had to cross those canals of Belgium that cost so many young lives. We had a rest near Antwerp. Then knee deep in Holland, we fought from dyke to dyke, through flooded countryside. We destroyed but liberated the southern part of Holland (three million Catholics) and spent the winter near Maas. At last one midnight, in the moonlight we saw the dimly lit sign "You are now entering GERMANY." More slaughter, more destruction. In the midst of this I got a break — a leave in Paris. Back, and the big thrill; on Easter Sunday we crossed the Rhine. We met the enemy





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at their well fortified positions and lost heavily. Fanatically they held on. Younger and younger were the prisoners and their wounded. Soon the lines of these got longer and longer and our wounded fewer and fewer. At last as we neared the sea at Wilhelms-haven, we had a hope of ending this senseless slaughter. After the terrible fighting at the Kusten Canal there was a wholesale surrender, then a cease fire in the east, then in the Reich and the war was over in Europe.

Probably because it was first it seemed like the worst, but I hope I never have to go through another agony like last August. Added to the heat and the dust and the danger and the dead was the difficulty of getting to the men in armoured warfare. Before the action, you moved from tank to tank and called out the R.C.'s, heard their confessions, gave them Holy Communion. With the motor regiment, I moved from slit trench to slit trench or Bren gun carrier to Bren gun carrier. It was slow work, but you could not gather them together as no place was safe from shells. During action, I stayed with the Casualty Clearing Post. In jeep ambulances they brought the wounded in from the Regimental Aid Post. After treatment we sent them on to the Advanced Dressing Station. As we inched our way to Fal-





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aise, we moved around to keep in touch with the fighting. Each move meant digging a new slit trench. When we could, we slept in these. It was a new experience: sleeping three feet in the ground with the Blessed Sacrament in your tunic pocket. During the lulls in the fighting we went back to bury the dead. Fortunately, it did not rain so we had only the dust and the mosquitoes to contend with. When our morale was lowest, we were bombed and strafed by our own three air forces in the day time and by the Luftewaffe at night. What we thought of our airmen is better forgotten. But at last it ended and we passed through slaughter and destruction at the Falaise Gap. A fitting symbol of our time in Normandy, was the Calvary on the road side; even many of these were in ruins.

After some hard fighting near the Seine, we by-passed Rouen and Amiens and Lisieux, at times riding through towns where the people stood all day to cheer and wave. When the convoy stopped, they decked our tanks with flowers and our soldiers with cognac, hidden four years for this day. What a reception, the doctor and I received when we were the first to enter a small town near Abbeville, after crossing the Somme.



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Then on to Belgium. One of my regiments caused the enemy to withdraw from Bruges without destroyed this beautiful city with its medieval village in the heart of its canals. What a pleasure to see houses with glass in the windows and churches with steeples and roofs intact. There were no church bells. They had taken all the bells from Belgium. We had a few days rest here (before the English came in and put the town out of bounds to Canadians).

Every where there were canals to cross and we lost heavily. Father Tom Mooney was killed here. As he leaned over a wounded soldier two 88mms cracked into the Regimental Aid Post. Fortunately we got his body out and were able to have a Solemn Mass for him and buried him near Bruges, in a spot he had chosen for his own men and where I had seen him burying them two days before.

A rest while we had to watch the collaborators suffer. Many rich people had to suffer at the hands of the poor (a lot of them unjustly). Brussels and Antwerp were taken so our boys at last got some leave and met the Americans and English there. Those diabolical V 2 Buzz bombs almost spoiled our meeting with Cardinal Villeneuve in Antwerp.

November was not a good time to go into Holland with tanks, but we did. It



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rained and the Jerries blew the dykes and flooded the fields so we had to keep to the roads pinpointed to their mortars and 88s. The fighting was tough and costly and the canals hard to cross. We spent December and January in the southern third of Holland where every church had been blown and barn burnt and home shelled. The winter was exceptionally cold and we had little coal. In spite of these conditions the people helped our men, these grateful people, so intelligent, so practical, so kind, so Catholic.

Our Xmas was typically army. We had elaborate plans for midnight Mass, but the breakthrough broke up our plans and the men spent Xmas eve Xmas day on road sides and ate their corned beef out of mess tins.

Finally, when we were sure our tanks would not go into Germany in February, we did. The Canadian Infantry had got through in buffalo ducks and weasels and taken the Hochwald Forest, so we followed.

Into the land of plenty, we went. We had the fat of the land but I think the fat of Holland. We had eggs for the gathering, chickens for the cleaning, pigs for the killing and cows for the





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steaks. But the destruction — Clive was worse than Caen. The Germans were determined to hold on the west of the Rhine so the Canadians were suicide troops again. At enormous cost we cleared them out. I lived again at the Casualty Clearing Post, aiding the wounded, anointing the Catholics and burying the dead.

I had been living between their deadly mortar guns and the eighty eights in the midst of the blasting by our own guns, so figure what a relief it was to be told that I must take my leave as scheduled and in Paris. I now got a bed with white sheets and a bath with hot water in a good hotel with a French chef doing wonders with the army rations. I was present at Notre Dame during the procession of the Little Flower's Relics. My identification card passed me through the thousands outside and up to the second row from the front. I took in all the sights of that wonderful city, even Versailles. The people were so happy and Canadians so welcome.

Now back for the last inning. We grouped in Tilburg where I saw Queen Wilhelmina just back from England after exile and we left for the Rhine. On Easter Sunday at three o'clock, we crossed that famous river, small to our boys used to large rivers.





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Next day we advanced towards northwest Germany. We had fierce fighting and heavy casualties but the prisoners came in in droves almost without escort. In Holland for a day, we liberated a town and the band played for the first time in five years. But another canal to cross: the Kusten, another slaughter — our men and theirs — and we moved on towards our objective: Wilhelmshaven. More and more prisoners, more and more Poles and Russians and French soldier and slave laborers freed from the camps we ran over. Oldenburg was ours and Bremen and Hamburg and at last Wilhelmshaven and the cease fire and the surrender.

Now there is left the occupation. More important is the preparation of the surviving soldiers for their life back home.

It was all a great, extraordinary experience. There were the disappointments. You seldom could do all you wanted to do for the men going into battle. There were the sorrows: you were always burying the best of your men. There were the dangers: you were always in range of the long ones or short ones. There were consolations: you had just helped some boys before they "got it". There were contacts: you met all kinds of men under all kinds of circumstances. But during it all



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you could feel the grace of God directing and protecting. So I know that He will help the old world back to serve Him. Out of all this long black-out I am sure there will dawn a brighter and better future with the justice that brings peace on earth to all nations of good will.

I am on my way to Berlin for a month's occupation with the Canadian Berlin Brigade.

Sincerely yours

Bob Lowrey.

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H/Capt R E Lowrey  
HQ, RCA  
4 C A D  
Amersfoort, Holland  
21 Oct 45

Dear Bob,

I'll trade my job, here, for one at a release centre but I am not too badly off. Yours of 9 Sept welcomed and glad that Stan and Ed are home even though working. Also thanks for the Annals. I enjoyed my letter, the cutting down was OK. I liked the edition very much, one surely appreciates it in my condition. I am often asked for the news of the schools, most recent was Chris McCarney who had supper last evening with all the Fourth Division priests, after we saw Orv Burkes Fourth Division team beat the Army troops team 24 to one in the EUTreckt stadium on a bright sunny afternoon with a capacity crowd and all the color including the C W A C's bag pipe band and hamburgers for a small part of the crowd.

Chris was up at the Retreat centre a few times before we closed it on 8 Oct. Capt John MacDonnell made a few retreat but was called back in the middle of it for some job. So now I am back in Fourth Division but stationed with the





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Artillery. This is my first time with them but of course met them along the way from Caen. They are tops, did a great job but now there are only a few of the old ones that are not gone on repat. The same has happened with my old regiments, the Lake Superiors and the B.C. Regiment, as well as the Brigade Headquarters. At the Brigade Club last night a few new boy officers looked at me as though I was in the wrong spot.

If all goes well, I hope to leave in the morning with Father Dan Martin for a tour of Southern Germany and Southern France, some of the old spots and some of the new. It will be my first trip away except for a leave in England which was not too restful. Since then I came into the Artillery and every second guy wants to marry a Dutch girl. The girls are OK in nearly every case. But I have to visit them and their parish priest so it is a rather peripatetic life for the chaplain. Besides we are going to start classes for the soldiers and I am going to have to give them lectures. It is easy for me but the Protestant padre won't like it. Too many different.

Well, Bob, I'll close if I can pick the right letters on this machine. Shall get a line to Vi Mac very soon. Johnny was with me a lot, Detroit and Texas as





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well as being on our hockey team at Assumption College when he was a kid. Lots of guts, he had. Also noted Joe Wey's mother. She was a good lady. I did not meet Bob Miller's father, I think. Shall remember them in my Masses.

Best to all Bob. Latest dope is that we leave Holland 31 Dec 45. I'd rather miss some of the zero weather in Canada even though I miss the hockey. Shall call on the booksellers in Amsterdam as soon as I return from trip. Thanks for your letters.

Bob Lowrey

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Joseph C. Wey  
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St. Bonaventure's Friary  
17 Trumpington St.  
Cambridge, England  
August 26 <1947>

Dear Bob.

I have written to Kelly some days ago but it was Sunday and I couldn't get any air-mail forms. It is likely his letter will arrive long after this. He will have as many details of my trip this far as I cared to mention. St. Edmund's House is closed until term begins and there will not be room there in any case. So if I do stay it will be here with the Franks. They're a good crowd and the house isn't bad though the geyser is temporarily out of order. We are situated on the famous Trumpington Street which you no doubt associate at once with the Cambridge University Press. In fact, the Press is only a block and a half up the street and directly opposite Pembroke which is the College of my pal Mynors. I haven't seen his worship yet though I expect to do so in a day or so. Everything depends on our discussion and I'm hoping for the best. You can't imagine more delightful surroundings for study. I shouldn't be at all surprised if Erasmus in the flesh, black cap, gown and all issued from the entrance of one of the College



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courts, so rich in age and memories do they seem. It would be ironical if it proves that I can't study the Middle Ages in such a medieval town. I have only scratched the surface but there remain hundreds of details yet to be examined at leisure and in a way it seems a shame to have to concentrate on books when there is so much to see outside. Not that the books do not offer a great deal too. I have examined many of the illuminated Mss. on display in the Fitzwilliam Museum and could scarcely leave there so enthralled I was. The library I have yet to examine and would like someone who knows it to show it to me. Maybe I can get Mynors to see me through. I'll see what sort of fellow he is first. I have taken several strolls along the Cam known as the Backs because the rear of the college buildings all face that way. It is delightful and no doubt about it. The English accent one hears all around is very disturbing indeed. In a month I expect I shall understand what they are all talking about. Taking that with the accent of the priests here in the house who are all Scotch and answer with "Aye", you can readily imagine I feel like a foreigner at times. Even at that though it's better than French. I shall put Bowes & Bowes on my list of inspection and can report that Heffer & Sons seem to be



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doing a thriving business. Ther phone here is Cambridge 2319.

Pip-pip.

Joe

P.S. You can tell Fr.Coughlin that he can send parcels as often as he can. I believe it is twenty pounds a month. I would suggest two ten-pound parcels spaced every two weeks. I assume not more than five pounds of any one article should be sent at once. Meat, cheese, sugar and butter seem to be most in demand.

J.

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Joseph C. Wey  
September 17, 1947

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17 Trumpington St.,  
Cambridge  
England  
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Dear Bob:

I was duly impressed by your shocking promptness in replying to my letter. If that sort of thing is to continue, if it is a tendency you have considerable difficulty in mastering, then I am afraid I shall have to find another correspondent of more facile disposition. Be that as it may (be), I could go to some lengths in depicting my emotions on receipt of said letter. At my age one can scarcely get homesick any longer, but after all it is comforting to have tangible proof that you did have antecedents and didn't just come to be out of nothing and out of nowhere. Being a Texan, I have unconsciously inherited a deep love of the soil, and, as an expert gardener, you will at once understand that only certain types of plants can be uprooted carelessly and be expected to thrive at once on foreign soil.

Today I was inducted into the secrets of the University Library. Do not be surprised that it has taken me so long



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to find out where it is. It has been closed for two weeks, I suppose to give the hierarchy of librarians time to knock about a bit. Anyway, it is a place that I think even you would approve of. I would say it was designed as a result of a compromise between the principles governing the safe-keeping of books and their use so that the normal inconveniences confronting users of libraries have been reduced to a surprising minimum. The feature I particularly admire is the free access one has to the stack. You will no doubt be disappointed to learn that they do not use the Congress Libr. system. After a few sessions with Mynors and a bit of aimless strolling about the endless corridors of the Library, I think I shall be able to say that I am definitely settled and ready to go.

Things are progressing well as far as I can judge. I read practically all day long. Mostly surveys and any history I can get my hands on. After all I must learn something about the general outlines of the periods I hope to do work in. At the same time I must find a suitable routine for work, because it is quite obvious that the past isn't much help in circumstances quite different.



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I was much amused at your account of the various send-offs given the confreres. And Mallon's letter finally reached me yesterday. I shall answer it forthwith.

Day is dying as I look out on old Trumpington. The stately chestnuts across the way are beginning to show narrow fringes of gold in their leaves and the feel of autumn is on the air. I wonder what we'll have for supper tonight. Maybe a spot of wine to top things off, for today is the Stigmata of St. Francis, you know, and the Friars do know the meaning of a Feast.

Cheerio,

Joe.

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17 Trumpington St.,  
Cambridge,  
England.  
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Dear Bob:

I hope you do not think that I am wandering beyond the bounds of propriety in replying to your most welcome letter on the very morning it has arrived. I must confess that if I took the time to meditate at sufficient length on the impossibility of such a contingency, I should certainly get back at once to work in hand. However, I am obliged in some way to remove some uncertainties in regard to my needs and necessities in the matter of food. I plead guilty to gross neglect in informing both yourself and Fr.Coughlin more fully, not, you understand, because I have adopted since arrival here a metaphysical attitude towards the material conditions of existence, but simply because I was well aware that anything at all coming from abroad was more than welcome. Of course I can be clearer on what it would be best to send. I have received one parcel of tinned meats and fish. I do not know if that is the one you refer to in your letter or not, but rather think it came from Fr. Coughlin since 21 St. Mary was somewhere on the box. If that was not yours, then yours







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is still to come and in any case I have seen nothing of a box of chocolate bars. As to the final end of the parcel I have received to date, I have taken the stand that what I receive goes to the kitchen. It is really a small house, ten of us, and at the evening meal, since the undergrads eat at their colleges and even the Guardian is frequently away, we are only a handful. Franciscans are especially allergic to the slightest trace of closeness in a person's attitude to this world's goods, and even though I am aware that they charge quite enough for board, a man in my position must be prepared to let strict justice ride to make sure of his friends. So it would be better to send what you do on the assumption that it will be consumed at a regular meal. People simply don't eat between meals here now. As to preferences on the things sent, meat in any shape or form is a godsend. I should put cheese next and powdered egg third. Fish is to be had in abundance here. And as to sweets, sugar is always welcome but not as important as the three articles above. You know yourself that I am not particularly disturbed if I don't get chocolate daily. It can be purchased quite reasonably here, though what goes into its makeup is a moot point, a truth that has, by the way, equal validity for any item on the list of victuals.



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I shall nose into Bowes etc., the very next time I pedal past on my way to the library and quest for the Degrees. Fr. McCorkell's remarks on the summer work are priceless. As to the French letters you threaten to send, remember that the bases of enduring friendship are not to be risked in any endeavour so fool-hardy.

I am in a position to appreciate now why the English render "L'anglais avec son perpetuel sang froid" as "The Englishman with his usual bloody cold."

Cheerio.

Joe

(over)

P.S. Bob, you might tell Fr. Coughlin that the draft came through all right and that things are going along all-right.

J.

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Joseph C. Wey  
November 26, 1947

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17 Trumpington St.,  
Cambridge,  
England.  
Nov. 26

Dear Bob:

I hope you are reading your John of the Cross faithfully these days. Thanks for the Annals and your letter. I think congratulations are in order on the makeup of the Annals. I don't like to say that this is the first year that I have read it from cover to cover. Welty's remark is both good and in order. You'd be surprised to what lengths inspiration can drive one. I wrote Orsini this very morning and may start any time writing to Basilians who are least likely to look for a letter from me. There is noticeable in the Annals a certain fresh enthusiasm which seems oddly foreign in this old country.

Your box of chocolate finally came with self-evident explanations of its delay. I am sure they passed it around various offices of the customs, because only two bars remained on arrival. The food parcel you mentioned in your last letter has not arrived unless, as I said in a former letter, it was the same I received sometime in October. But things are going well as far as I am able to judge. I don't seem to be getting far in studies, but it's impossible to tell





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where you are in them any way. Mynors continues to be very helpful and I should be lost without him.

Regarding films and books about which you speak, it would be a great thing to have members of the community located permanently at strategic places to assist in medieval studies. It seems unsatisfactory to try to combine residence on this earth with investigation in that field. What you are looking for invariably turns up either in Oxford or Paris and I daresay that were one there, there would be immediate need to go to Cambridge. If you think there is anything I can do I am afraid I shall have to have more detailed guidance. For these three months I have done nothing but bibliography and I have only scratched the surface. Anything of value is eagerly snatched up by Oxford or Cambridge in the sale of old libraries, but then there are doubtless things they do not want which we haven't in the Institute. What these are I am not always able to say, because you realize that my acquaintance with our library has been limited to the strictly Classical field. Your main standing want list would be a valuable guide. All of the book-sellers are at present crippled by the restrictions on imports from foreign countries which is part of the English program for economic recovery.





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Glad to hear that the ordinations are being handled expertly. Putting on the mitre is a charisma and neither credit should be given to those who can do it nor blame to those who cannot. I readily sympathize with poor Zach <Record> if he is trying to figure out the why and wherefore of everything he finds in my old room. Let him be content to know that it is the warmest room on the flat and that it has a good bed, or I should say, did. It's good to hear that Hartmann hasn't changed. I must report ot him some time on the present level of excellence achieved in the realm of darts. No doubt eyes were sharper during the war, but I doubt if there was anything like the present steadiness which is quite capable of hitting the bulls-eye while holding a pint in one hand and showing no visible traces of influence from six pints already consumed.

The university term ends on the sixth and there will undoubtedly be something of an exodus from town. I don't think it will make much difference to me and my routine. I may go to Oxford for a few days but don't know yet. I should to London too but have no place to stay as yet. We'll see. Regards to all,

Joe

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St, Bonaventure's  
Cambridge  
England  
Nov. 22

Dear Bob:

This damn English paper is getting so rotten it must make you wonder just what we use for the jakes! But many thanks for your last letter anyway and the one before that too. These days you couldn't recognize a certain part of my anatomy from the much quoted hole in the ground. I've just quit for two whole days and set to writing letters that I've owed for ages. If I have one friend left by now then I can't figure out why.

The reference to the Cambridge Pringles which you uncovered in 'Carry on Jeeves' has been known to me for some time past. In my early jaunts about the village I often cycled the length of Trumpington Rd. but I'm afraid I must report that P.G. <Wodehouse> was writing about an être de raison. His description of the family however fits in well with several real flesh and blood characters I could mention. Do you recall his frequent references in other opera to certain mulieres fortes who were described as graduates of Girton? Well, he knew what



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he was talking about on that score all-right. He could undoubtedly name everyone about whom he wrote but you must realize that the libel law is very stringent here in England.

I must admit that I have been a washout as far as ordering certain books which you have asked for. It isn't that I haven't looked. I simply can't find them. Every bloody thing you mention just isn't. And before I forget, Coliseum isn't appearing any more and there are no back copies according to a card I got about a month ago. I have found that Ducketts have several catalogues including one for second-hand books which may be had on request. The book situation is about as bad as it could be here. However, I'll keep looking.

I have been expecting the Annals for a long time and can only surmise that you have tried to get more things past Fr. McCorkell this year than last. But I look forward eagerly to see what new idea you've got for this year. Maybe old Welty wasn't so far wrong. Give him my Hochachtung anyway.

I am thinking of going to Paris next month and live in the library for a week or so. I hope Shook knows the town well enough by now to steer me





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clear of all morasses and also enough French to put me on the right bus. Now don't tell me that I'm to drop in at Annonay or some such perishing place and look up the novitiate year of some Frenchman whom I've never heard of. If I don't get too disgusted with Paris I may take a side-trip to Munich, but for goodness sakes don't tell anyone about that.

I enjoyed your article about gardening which you did for Mallon's paper some time ago. The aloof objectivity which it displayed I ascribed to long hours of concentration on P.G.

Things are pretty bleak now that winter is beginning to settle on England once again but there has been no real cold as yet. I'm beginning to wonder if there is anything anywhere comparable to a Canadian winter.

Some time ago you mentioned in passing that a certain fault has appeared in the buzzer system and that signal lamps were burning out too fast for Mary's peace of mind. Don't think me a snob if I say I expected that. As the buzzers get older their resistance becomes higher and that means they push the extra burden over on the little lamps which are always the same in resistance, in fact deteriorate to a slight degree.





Joseph C. Wey  
November 22, 1948

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If you will consult Masco's catalogue you will find there a list of small lamps with varying resistances. I don't remember what the ordinary radio flash signal is listed at, but you will find it there too and the thing to do is get something that takes about the same voltage, i.e., about 6 to 10 but having a higher resistance. Of course you will have to make sure that you can get it in the same size base and overall size so that it will fit in the sockets. If this can't be done, try lowering the voltage in the transformer. I think it's at eighteen now. Sixteen should do as well or maybe even fourteen. If you do use fourteen you'll have to experiment and make sure that the buzzers are buzzing loud enough and if not it may mean adjusting them again using the little screw at the side of each. I hope one of these suggestions will do the trick.

Cheerio.

Joe.

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Laurence K. Shook  
July 20, 1948

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St. Bonaventure's Friary  
17 Trumpington St.  
Cambridge, England  
July 20/48

Dear Bob:

I am really writing from Blackfriars, Oxford, but I am giving Wey's address. It is a forwarding one henceforth. I had two grand weeks with Joe in Cambridge — saw everything & felt it was profitable. I visited the bookstores — but sent nothing to you because their stock is not great & their prices too high. In Oxford things look better. Joe & I came here yesterday for a week. Today we went through Blackwell's & it is quite a wonderful place. I was most impressed, however, by their foreign books & there is not much point to buying them through England. I expect to spend a half day on a book hunt & may make some purchases here — otherwise you will have to wait till I get to London.

As yet I have not written the Plaisance & have no telephone number for you & besides I am not sure that I should write except to verify the arrangements which Fr. McLaughlin has already made. I will try to dig it out of a Paris phone book shortly.



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So far I have mainly travelled and looked. The crossing to Southampton was perfect — no rough sea at all. Joe met me at the pier on July 2. We went through London directly to Cambridge where I have been ever since, with one trip up into the Lake country. July is Basilians "Muskoka month" & since there are English Lakes only in Westmoreland & Cumberland, I simply had to go there to prevent homesickness. Sunday, Joe & I went to tea at Fisher House — the Catholic Students club in Cambridge & there met Cardinal McGuigan & Mons. Allen out for a Sunday afternoon drive from London. Surprise! In Oxford here we have run into MacDonell & Dr. Nicholson of St. Francis Xavier, Antigonish & Fr. Banim of Ottawa — at the British Empire Universities Conference. They flew over. I have not yet met Sidney Smith. Today in Merton College Oxford Library, a wonderfully well preserved mediaeval library, we saw an old 15th century chest with about 18 locks opened with one key in one turn. This could easily have been a 3 key job, & would be just the thing, if we were to insist on the 3 key rule for our bursars & economes.

Joe & I went to Peterborough — outside the Cathedral in a glorious garden — an English version of Scollard Park — we met purple geraniums. Do you think





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you could grow them? I never saw anything quite so rich. I don't think there are any in Toronto.

My happiest cathedral town visit was to Bury St. Edmunds. There are nothing but ruins to be found there — but at least nothing sacred was left for Protestant perversion & distortion. The other wonderful cathedrals only make one sad. Pray for the conversion of England.

Bob, there is lots more I could say — but you see what's coming. Joe & I are speculating about the results of Chapter and the 1st council meeting, but I suppose all in due time. You ought to come to England. I will suggest it to Fr. McCorkell.

Sincerely in Christ

Larry Shook.

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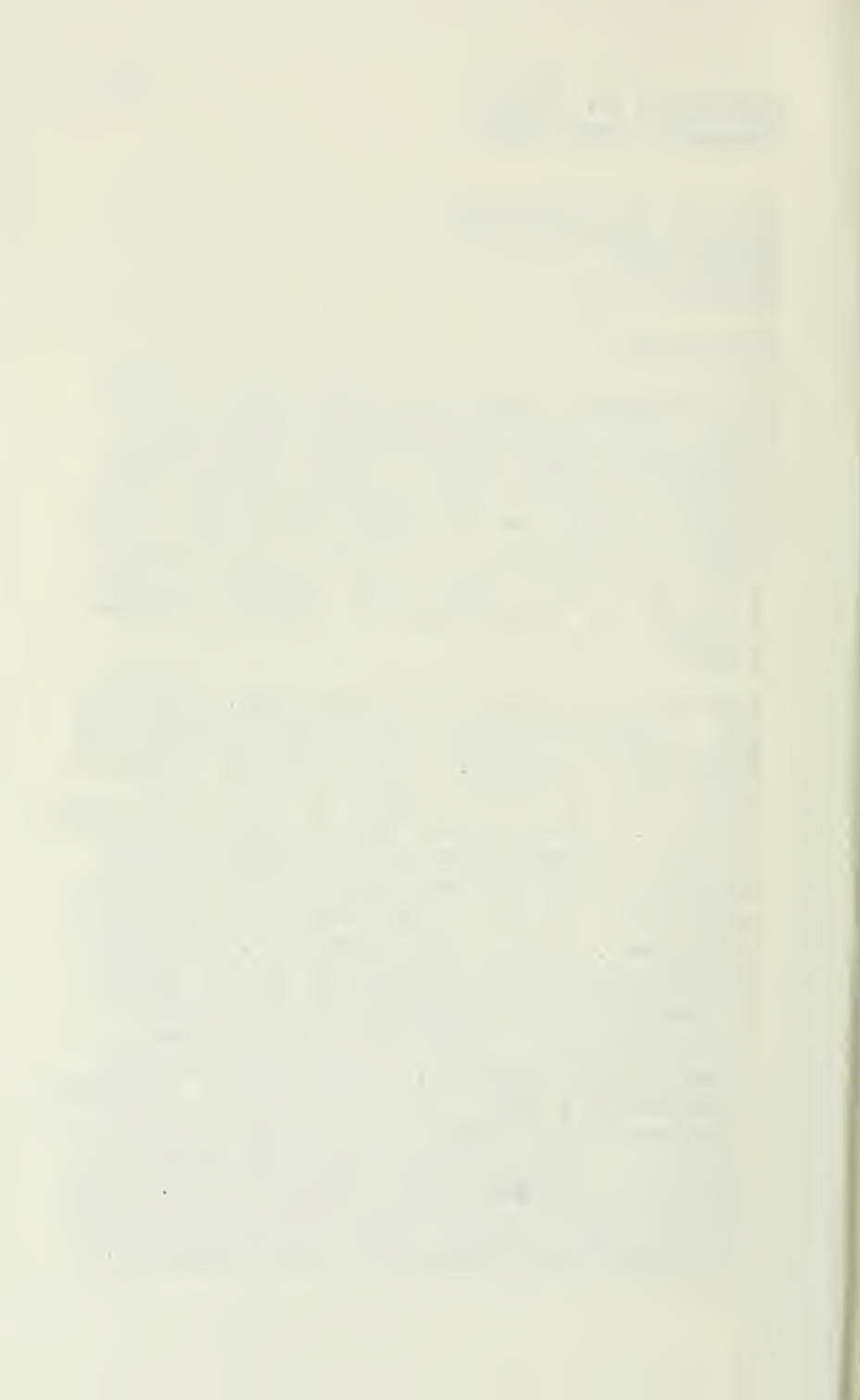
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36 rue Guillemainot  
Paris XIV  
December 10

Dear Bob:

The "Annals" arrived today and I read them with great pleasure. They are extremely well done. The "fees" constitute quite a new angle. I was wondering what the novelty would be. The list of Faculties is also a new touch. I am not sure about the Visitors, but I think it constitutes a "coup", n'est-cepas?

The Paris house is larger now. Father Wey arrived Tuesday and will likely be here for a month. Some one in England told him he didn't need a visa for France. When I met him at Gare du Nord, he was accompanied by an immigration official who placed him in my custody until 2 p.m. the next day and kept his passport. At 2 the next day, at Gare du Nord we were entrusted to an agent de police who accompanied us to the Prefecture of Police, then to the Chambre de Deputés, then back to the Prefecture, two full hours in a kind of protective custody after which he was given a regularized visa for 3,000 francs — about \$10. What a day! But since then he has been working at the Bibliothèque National & the Mazarin.



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He has found a Mss. on his thesis that no one knew anything about and is quite happy. In fact he finds too that Maurer is a big help to him in traighting out 14th cent. problems & his Paris trip bids fair to be most valuable. The reunion has been most happy all round.

Your invoices arrived in 2 (or more) batches for which much thanks! The reason for no books is that I can't find much of value to the Eng. dept. in Paris. When I visit London again you will find the mails busy once more. But my eyes are open. If I run into anything you will receive it. I think you were wise to turn the Icelandic material over to the University Library. If it is not in the Library of Congress, I suspect it is in the collection at Cornell. However, it is good to think that I have probably uncovered the world's most useless set of books. Some day I will go to the University Library and borrow it, if only to put one signature on the reference card.

The Annals says that I am working in English. So far — No! Though I plan to get at English seriously pretty soon I am tied up with French, new and old. When I return I shall have a problem — whether to place my Paris books in a special French Section of the English Seminar or let you open an "opposition



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section" in the Undergraduate. I may have one or two things that are not in the French Seminar.

Armand and I have a radio. We are not going to allow the Institute to outmanoeuver us, but an automobile seems to be impossible at present although the Benedictine Sisters are raffling a car at Christmas. If fortune favors us, we may even have to look for a garage. Perhaps we can pick up a second-hand bicycle if all else fails.

This must do for now. It is very late. If I don't write again before Christmas, then Happy Xmas. I am most interested in the flower projects you & Klem are hatching. Anything to prevent loose gravel from being poured around the College buildings. Best of everything to you Bob & many thanks for your letters & publications.

Fraternally

Larry

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Laurence K. Shook  
January 29, 1949

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36 rue Guillemillot  
Paris XIV  
January 29/49

Dear Bob:

I think I owe you a letter, for I don't remember acknowledging that invoice of Allen's (Philadelphia). It was disheartening to see the Kittredge, Grier-son and Benham "gone" but I know the story. A few weeks ago Vrin's catalogue arrived here. I spent a day going through it and went to Vrin's the next day as there were several good books in French on English literature, Newman etc. Vrin asked me why I waited so long, why I didn't come in yesterday. He showed me his key-catalogue and almost 70 or 75% of the books were already sold. Of the 24 I planned to order, 16 were gone. That gives you a picture of the catalogue situation in Toronto. I think the library agents from America must snap up most of these things at once. But you will receive a parcel of, I think, 8 books on English in French. I hope you can place them on the English shelves. But, the best books were gone, so don't expect anything wonderful. I hope to go to England for a week in a month or so. I will make the rounds again & pick up the Chesterton's "Chaucer" (2) as you requested.





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Armand and I are getting along fine, working and seeking culture (French). I haven't any real news for you this time, that is anything I have not already told Fr. Bondy in my letter of last week or so, except that I received in the mail two tickets to Corneille's Polyeucte at the Comedie Française, with Gilson's compliments. He has been very kind to us, having us to dinner at his home, again at the Cité Club & again at the Canadian Embassy.

Since I am dashing off this note before leaving for the Sorbonne in the morning, my imagination is not too active and I can think of nothing else to add. Probably tomorrow I shall remember a dozen things I should have told you. Please give my best to everyone. Personally, I am well, just over a cold. Armand has a sore throat today and doesn't feel too spry, but will no doubt be himself again tomorrow. Best of everything!

Larry.

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Laurence K. Shook  
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36 rue Guillemillot  
Paris XIV, June 10, 1949.

Dear Bob:

I promised to send you information about Annonay. Under separate cover I am sending a large number of photos and some newspaper clippings, and the names and place of work of all the Basilians. I only got the photos yesterday, and so could not send them on sooner. I will send this packet by air, if the cost is not too high, otherwise you will receive it in about three weeks.

On May 11 I went to Annonay. The best approach is to go by Lyon by train, then take the Citroen bus to Annonay. Several such busses run from Lyon to Annonay each day. The Citroen bus station in Lyon is very near the Gare Perrache, on the right as one comes out the main door of the Gare. As I took the bus ride, the only incident was at Vienne, where we had to get out and walk across the temporary bridge over the Rhone. France has still many marks of the war. In the bus I struck up a conversation with a married couple and their son of about 14 years of age. He turned out to be a student of Collège de Sacré Coeur and, upon arriving in Annonay, he guided me up the very steep



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hill on which the College stands, overlooking the town and the valleys of Archèche. I went into the College and found myself being reminded in many ways of the old St. Michael's. No doubt this was more than chance as this college was built by Father Soulerin after his return from America. It replaced the original college which was down below in the town in buildings belonging to the Franciscans before the Revolution. Father Roume told me later that the Basilians in Annonay took over a Franciscan house and that there was a very close and sympathetic bond between Basilians and Franciscans which no doubt explains why St. Francis of Assisi is one of the Patrons of the Community.

Arrived at the College, I found the duty of Porter assumed by no one. So I wandered about the halls until I found a Sisters, who showed me to the Superior's room. Sisters of St. Joseph look after the kitchen and domestic service of the College and of the Maison St. Joseph. The College Sisters have a house of their own near the cemetery. The Sisters at Maison St. Joseph live in one end of the long rambling building. I found Father Descellière in his office with a large number of priests, staff of the College. The office was large and extremely plain. The walls were





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dotted with pictures of the Founders and other deceased confreres. I suppose we must preserve these picture. I find it hard to justify hanging them in either the Community Room or the Superior's Office. Neither of these rooms should resemble either a rogue's gallery or grandma's attic. Father Descellière gave me a sincere and warm welcome, introduced me to the priests in his room, most of whom were not Basilians. The College has a staff of 19 priests, only 6 of whom are Basilians. To my way of thinking, the College will only make real forward strides when its staff is more exclusively Basilian. At present the Basilians own the land and buildings. But Father Descellière seems to hold his appointment as Superior from the Bishop. At any rate, at the Jubilee diner, he asked the Bishop to accept his resignation and replace him by a younger man. The Bishop appoints the Diocesan priests to the staff. Some of them are good teachers. A few of his appointments, however, are of men who refuse to take their job seriously. Fr. Descellière took me down to a late supper then told me that I was to stay in the Maison St. Joseph during my stay in Annonay. He accompanied me to this House and turned me over to Father Roume who gave me a welcome, then a hot "infusion" which is a weedy brew, then a liquer which was much more to the point.





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The Maison St. Joseph has a Superior (Fr. Roume), several priests who teach theology & other subjects to the scholastics and juniors, and scholastics and juniors. It is a marvellous community. It is the heart of Basilian life at Annonay. It is a real religious house, totally Basilian, and totally distinct and separate from Annonay. Incidentally all communications from America, news, bulletins, etc. ought to go to both houses in Annaony. It is not wise to send two copies of a thing to the College. Both are apt to get placed on the Superior's desk, which is almost the same as being thrown in the fire. Rarely is the second copy sent over to Maison St. Joseph where it would be both appreciated and carefully kept. Besides, from a "Basilian" point of view, Maison St. Joseph is the real foundation. It is hoped that one day the College will also become so, but it cannot until there are more vocations. But in Maison St. Joseph the visitor finds his soul touched by the Rule we have come to know so well and by a positive yearning to re-catch and preserve the traditions of the old Community..

Thursday, May 12, was Jubilee Day. I said Mass, had breakfast and went over to the College with all the priests of Maison St. Joseph to pay our respects



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officially and privately to Fr. Descellière. This consisted in exchanging good hearty kisses on both cheeks in the best of French fashion. At 9.30 there was a Solemn Mass sung by the jubilarian. This was followed by a short student ceremony in the hall, in which the students gave presents of breviaries and money. Then, about 1 o'clock there was a dinner. You will find the details of these three functions recorded fairly accurately in the clipping from Terre Vivaroise, enclosed in the accompanying packet. My personal reactions are in my private log which you can read after my return to Toronto.

In the afternoon I walked about Annonay, learning that its chief industries are its tanneries and paper mills. It is in a good lumber belt also. It has a population of about 14,000, 3 large parishes. The nearest large city is Lyon. Judging from the city monuments, I should think its proudest claim to distinction is that the world's first balloonists were local boys who made their ascent from within the town. Also they cherish Seguin whom, they say, invented the steam engine. The rest of Thursday and most of Friday I spent in private chats with Fathers Roume, Berthon, Pouzol, Geneston, and taking pictures of the grounds, etc.



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On Saturday, May 14, I went into the Ardèche country with Fr. Roume, first visiting the lovely shrine of St. Francis Regis at Lalouvesc <pron. Laloovay> who came from this country, worked in it and died in it. Returning from Lalouvesc as far as Satillieu we turned up a remote valley to St. Symphorien (de Mahun) the real birthplace of the Community. The village is very remote and materially speaking backward. Its few lanes are but public chicken runs, its paths muddy, its odours rural. But here it was felt that a school for priests could be conducted without interference in the hard days after the Revolution — and priests and boys lived in town and farm houses, worked out their board, and taught and studied. One of the priests was M. d'Aviau, founder of the Community, who hid out in the home of the man who so kindly was chauffeuring us to St. Symphorien. This school preceded the birth of the Community, but it was here that the idea was hatched. I have two photos of St. Symphorien, taken in bad weather. It was actually raining as I took the second one, of the stone rectory and yard. But they give a very good idea of the church, the village, and its mountain setting. The country curé is standing outside the church in one of the photos, in his patched soutane and wooden shoes. He received us with splendid hospitality and great kindness, showing us the





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original class-rooms & study halls in the ancient rectory and showing us, too, his parish treasures, a battered chalice and silver ostensorium and a ciborium from the 17th century, and a set of vestments presented to the parish by the Empress Eugénie. When Father Maurer visited Annonay sometime later, he also had the good fortune to visit St. Symphorien. You will find further information on St. Symphorien in Chomel's history of the College of Annonay.

On Sunday, May 15, I said the Community Mass in the Maison and later attended the High Mass there. Sunday dinner was a special affair, as I could tell from the moment I entered the refectory. To my surprise, I was the special occasion. Fr. Roume gave me a hearty welcome to Annonay. Since I was so completely taken by surprise, I could only thank him and offer to give a talk later. This I did in the evening after night prayer to priests, scholastics and juniors. I spoke for about an hour on the Community in America to a most gracious and apparently intensely interested and appreciative audience.

On Monday, thanks to a local curé, friend of the Basilians, a Father Eymard, I had a chance to go by automobile to St. Basile. It is very difficult to reach this village and neither Father





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Roume nor Father Berthon had ever been there before. The curé, Fr. Eymard, was visiting his folks nearby. He had been present at the banquet and offered this visit and trip when he found out there was a Canadian assisting at the jubilee. His car was tiny but sturdy and successfully conveyed its four passengers to their destination. We went south from Annonay through St. Jeure d'Ay, Le Clot, Arlebose <pron. Arleboh> to the tourist town of Lammastre, high up in the hills. From Lammastre we went still higher into the mountains along the road to Cluac. We actually passed the obscure lane into St. Basile and had to walk back over the mountainside to our destination. But this had its advantages. First we got a good idea of the countryside, secondly we saw Maison Seule first. La Maison Seule was the Community's first novitiate, and because it was in the parish of St. Basile, the community became known as the priests of St. Basil. It is hard to imagine a more remote village and parish giving its name to a community. The accompanying pictures of La Maison Seule and St. Basile give a pretty good idea of what they are like. La Maison Seule is an old stone mansion, once an estate, then a little seminary & novitiate. Now it is owned by an industrialist and used to house vacation colonies or charity



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camps in the summer months. During the war it was utilized by resistance troops. The nearby farm is owned ou tenanted by Protestants — reminder that Ardèche has many Protestants, and that the history of these parts during the Religious Wars was sad indeed for both Catholics and Protestants. The lady of the farmhouse was very kind and helpful on the occasion of our visit to this old mansion behind some impressive chestnut trees, and overlooking a partly cleared mountain slope. The parish itself is extremely remote and the church not only small & very old, but marvellously clean. We found the curé teaching catechism. Later he invited us to dejeuner. We came prepared for this, and gave him our gifts of meat and cakes. After a splendid day, we returned to Annonay. The following morning I returned to Paris by way of Le Puy and Vichy.

Sincerely in Christ

Larry.

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E.J. McCorkell  
January 23, 1948

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Basilian Fathers  
21 St. Mary Street  
Toronto, Canada  
Office of Superior General  
January 23, 1948.

Rev. R. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College.

Dear Father Scollard:

At a meeting today the General Council appointed you to prepare a revision of the Vademecum for submission to the General Chapter.

You are to keep in touch with Father D. Dillon and with the Superior General as you prepare it.

Sincerely in Domino,

E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.  
Superior General.

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John F. Murphy  
July 8, 1948

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The Curia  
21 St. Mary Street  
Toronto 5, Canada  
July 8, 1948.

Rev. R. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
St. Michael's College,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

The members of the Eighth General Chapter of the Congregation of Priests of St. Basil of Toronto, meeting at St. Michael's College, Toronto, unite in expressing their sincere gratitude to you for your excellent work on the Committee appointed to revise the Vademecum.

It is the earnest hope and sincere prayer of all the Capitulants that God will bless you and that the cherished use of our new Vademecum by all Basilians will redound in blessing upon the one who did so much to make its publication possible.

Yours very sincerely,  
J.F. Murphy, C.S.B.  
Secretary, The General  
Chapter of the Basilian  
Fathers of Toronto.

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Norbert J. Ruth  
June 28, 1948

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Basilian Fathers

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for the hint and card to have the University properly listed among the other institutions of these United States. I relegated that to the Registrar who assured me it would receive prompt attention.

The Registrar has been away at San Antonio with Fr. <Daniel> Forestell for the past week — a well merited rest — it's been a strenuous year.

Glad to hear that your interest in gardening has revived. At the time I left there last August, you had gone on a waterless strike in Scollard park and the park parched. It should make for a big improvement to remove the chestnuts and cinders in 90's alley.

Now that the kitchen is a cafeteria, will you be able to have ice cream at every meal?

Fr. Fkahliff just wrote me of Ralph Smith's visit to Toronto. I also heard from Ralph of his courteous reception



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there. I think you will find him an efficient assistant in the library. Don't be too hard on him. Remember Charlie Roe and others! And I didn't even tell him about you, only about the library and some of the books he'd find interesting. I feel sure he will be o.k. and spend a satisfying year.

Most of the lay staff have gone off for the summer and with Fr. Guinan going to the Chapter it leaves very few to hold the fort at the University in July. We are remodelling a house across the street to provide classrooms for modern languages and history departments. Also in the market for furniture to furnish a girls dormitory — a large house two blocks away, we rented for the purpose, will hold about 35 or so. Also in July we must set up the Basilian residence, 2204 Yoakum, a large hollow-tile stucco — roomy and cool. It should be an advantage to be living close to one's labors but it's an added bursar's responsibility to care for the personnel needs of the confreres. If you ever hear anyone praising me as a bursar, please contradict them before the proper authorities. It would be awful to be saddled for long with this job. If you know of any good science professors, looking for congenial work, let me know. Prayers & best regards to all the confreres.

Babe

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Norbert J. Ruth  
September 1948

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Basilian Fathers  
3404 Yaokum Blvd.

Dear Bob:

Sorry for the delay in replying to your request for news of the South. The typewriter isn't at hand either so I'll have to see if you can decipher this. If any errors are made in the final publication of the Annals, it can be blamed on the poor job you did in reading this.

Since you ask for a lot, I had best start by answering your requests first and then add comments of my own.

(1) Local Appointments

Prayers - Fr. Rush

Reader at Meals & Examen - Fr. Miller

Sacristan - Fr. Caird

Dean of Men - Fr. Lynch

Priests library - Fr. Lee, Fr. Miller

B.V.M. Sodality - Fr. Rush

Athletics - Fr. Lynch

Catholic Action Groups - Fr. Miller

Student Activities - Fr. Lynch, Lee,  
Miller, Caird

Choir & Music - Fr. Rush

Christian Culture & Library Board -  
R. Miller

Bookstore - Fr. Ruth





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### Altars

#### Residence Chapel

<u>Main</u>	<u>Side</u>
Fr. Guinan	Fr. Rush
Fr. Caird	Fr. Lee

#### University Chapel

Fr. Lynch  
Fr. Ruth  
Fr. Miller

(2) Enclosed list of recent deaths seems complete from this out of the way place except for Father R. Wood's father who died down here. He was a non-Catholic and died so, but should be included in our prayers. Fr. Magee's mother is very ill.

(3) Street address of Basilian Fathers  
Staff Residence, University of St.  
Thomas: 3404 Yoakum Blvd  
Houston 6  
Phone number; JACKSON 2-4974

(4) News item:

Staff residence, a large white stucco on hollow tile house on corner of Yoakum and Hawthorne, two blocks from Westheimer and bus connection with St. Anne's, and 4 blocks from the University Science Bldg which fronts on



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Yoakum. Lot and grounds about 100 x 150 ft. Main floor includes kitchen, dining room, chapel, guest-room, and large community-living room with screened sun-porch attached. Probably the only carpeted community room and dining room in the Basilians. Upstairs: five large bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Two car garage in rear — empty of cars. Over garage two rooms and complete bath completely renovated and furnished & occupied by Frs. Miller & Caird. House has attic fans and garage rooms, window fans. Cook — colored, capable & Catholic. Serves one meal a day — supper and cleans house. Other meals, make your own or eat at university cafeteria. Rooms and residence is completely furnished except for easy chair and rocker and window curtains. Dining room set of buffet, sideboard, table & 12 chairs of oak was donated, also guest room furniture and hall table.

#### News item (2)

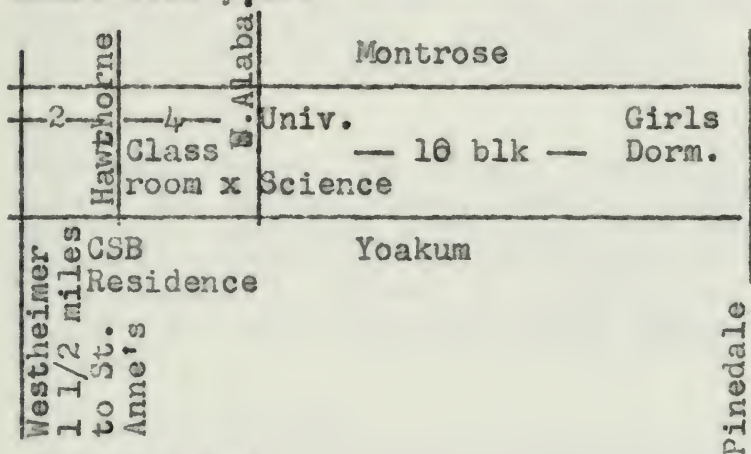
Girls dormitory, not purchased but leased for one year. 35 Pinedale, about 10 blocks from University in opposite direction from priests' residence. In charge of one house-mother. Accommodates 11 girls on second floor and 4 in garage apartment. Third floor used for study hall. First floor has



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small kitchen, prefect's room, living room and sun porch. No meals served in residence. Eat at cafeteria or neighboring restaurant. Room rates are \$30 per month per girl which scarcely covers the rental. Rents are high here. Furniture all purchased by University and will be moved to larger house next year.



News item (3)

A house on corner of Yoakum and Alabama, 1018 Alabama was purchased opposite entrance to University grounds off W. Alabama. It was converted into 4 classrooms and 2 offices. Offices are for Fr. Rush and Prof. Curcio of the modern language dept.





News item (4)

Almost the whole of the first floor of the main building is taken over by library. New metal stacks installed. Now room for 15,000 volumes of which we have about 5,000.

New item (5)

Physics lab and Biology lab installed and apparatus obtained. Last year only chemistry was taught. Lab equipment met approval of Southern Association.

News item (6)

Cafeteria at the University, formerly a four-car garage seats about 65 students. Above the cafeteria partitions and paint made six presentable staff offices — Mr. Larimer, Fr. Lynch, Fr. Caird, Fr. Miller, Fr. Lee and Prof. Dubay (Mathematics)

(4) Campaign News.

The aim was 600,000 to ensure operation for the first four years, allowing for staff salaries, capital equipment, expansion without building, and operational expenses.

The achievement as of today is 572,000 and it is still coming in from places outside of Houston so it is very hopeful that the goal will be reached. \$10,000 was reported tonight from Galveston. Of this 200,000 is the estimated value of



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a 50 acre tract on Memorial Drive about 5 miles from the high school. It may be used as permanent site or sold to obtain money. It is the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Stake. It is a lovely property.

The rest, viz, 372,000 is in pledges & cash, about  $\frac{1}{3}$  cash and the rest payable over a three year period.

(5) Total current registration: 114 as follows: Freshman year, 25 men, 35 girls; Sophomore year, 26 men, 16 girls; 12 Sisters are occasional students. Fees for the year: Tuition \$250.00; Library, 10.00; Laboratory 10.00; Student Activity including athletics, \$20.00

(6) Staff additions include, besides Frs. Rush, Lee, Caird & Miller, 1 assistant librarian, 1 Math professor, 1 chem professor and 1 biology professor. The latter has not yet arrived. Last year's professor of Math and Chemistry is now prof. of Physics and much harassed as bursar.

(7) Report on the bursar: It's getting me. It's been a busy summer and the heat didn't help. I moved down here the first of August and was for sometime alone without phone, food, or transportation other than feet. Don't forget to write that up, not in the Annals, but for my canonization. It lloks as



Norbert J. Ruth  
September 1948

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though the worst is over for a while,  
till next summer. I'm glad I didn't  
have growing pains in my youth such as  
this university is having.

All the confreres are well except Fr.  
O'Rourke who is still in hospital after  
a heart attack. Also Mr. Muir who is  
suspected of mastoid. The newcomers  
seem to be quickly fitting into the  
South and taking an interest in things.

Best regards to all in the north es-  
pecially Frs. Diemer, Flahiff, Mallon,  
Faught, Regan, etc. Hear the reunion  
was grand success. Congrats to Fr.  
Mallon. Keep me & our undertaking  
here in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Babe.

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Leonard A. Kennedy  
September 14, 1948

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Sask.  
September 14, 1948.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you very much for your letter, which arrived yesterday. Things are certainly wonderful out here. We have a beautiful house in a beautiful university in a beautiful town. It is the wide river (the South Saskatchewan River) which makes the town. I understand that the College is a hive of activity day and night come Registration Day (Friday the 17th).

Enclosed is a list of local appointments, from which you may take what you need. Father <Paul> Mallon estimates (pretty accurately) the College enrolment this year as 190, and the Newman Club enrolment as 500. The College tuition fees are \$125. Incidental University fees add up to \$29, and the Newman Club fee is \$2. I suppose you know also that Catholics in faculties other than Arts and Science enroll in our subjects, and even non-Catholics in any faculty. The preacher of the St. Mary's Retreat in August was Rev. A. MacInnes, O.M.I., Holy Rosary Scholasticate (English-speaking Oblates), Ottawa. There have been no deaths among the near relatives





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of the priests here. None have received academic degrees. Father Carr thanks you for the addresses.

Always glad to hear from away down East. I suppose I (as Librarian) shall be sending news items to John Burke during the year. The big thing around here now is Father Peyton's Rosary Crusade in every Saskatchewan diocese, beginning next Sunday and lasting till October 31st. There are 50,000 Catholics here. In London over 95% pledged themselves to say the Family Rosary for life. We are the second Crusade to be held anywhere. That 50,000 should be families, not Catholics.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Leonard Kennedy, C.S.B.

P.S.: If C. Howard is working for you this year, please say hello to him for me. Also John Janisse.

P.P.S.: Father Carr wonders if you would do another favor for him. We did not receive Desmarais' books. Would you mind seeing whether they have been hanging around the College? If not, could you let M.r O'Gorman know that we didn't receive them. Thank you very much, Fathers.

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John P. O'Meara  
September 15, 1948

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The Basilian Fathers  
402 Augustine St.  
Rochester 13, New York  
September 15, 1948

Dear Bob,

Enclosed and in the rest of this letter is the information which you seek for the ANNALS. I hope that it is sufficient. In the event that it is not do not hesitate to write again. I would be glad to check further or locate anything else that might possibly be helpful. Excuse the typing for it is, at least, an improvement over my long hand.

The registration of the school is officially estimated at about seventeen hundred and twenty (1720) students as of now. That includes both the annex and the main building. Tuition for the year is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). In addition to that a student pays a ten dollar (\$10.00) registration and activities fee.

I reminded Father Haffey about sending matter regarding the stadium and the college. If I can I will speak to him again on that subject. Actually, during the last few days, the bulldozers cleared some of the stadium property in preparation for real action.



John P. O'Meara  
September 15, 1948

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The enclosed list of appointments is a duplicate of one that came from Fr. Duggan's office. I have added two. Fr. Duggan checked the list and had no further changes or additions to make in it.

I was not quite certain as to what kind of checking that you wanted done on the list of recent deaths. However, I presume that you wanted to know if the confreres' parents who died within the past year were included. For this locality I have checked two and Fr. Duggan can think of no others.

Armand Maurer paid his last visit for some time. Eddie Sullivan bounced in today. Maybe I am wearing rose colored glasses but everything seems to be going well here in spite of many trying circumstances. The "big-time?" football seems to be taken pretty much for granted save for disappointed ticket holders who are threatening to leave the church etc. unless they are on the fifty yard line. Best protest to date is that of one crank who heard that when one of the Fathers objected to the football policy the same Father was sent to a Basilian school in Ohio.

If there is anything else that I can do, just drop a line. Regards to all





John P. O'Meara  
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In Xto,

John O'Meara, C.S.B.

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J. Floyd Crowley  
September 24, 1948

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Saint Anne's Church  
Basilian Fathers  
2140 Westheimer Road  
Houston 6, Texas  
September 24, 1948

Dear Bob,

It wouldn't surprise me a bit if this machine is a relic of the Texas City disaster, the only other one that comes readily to my mind is "Shifty", but he goes further back than that.

Re- points 1, 2, 3, and 4 of your letter, cum permissu etc. - Recent death list, as far as I know is correct.

Sunday Masses at St. Anne's 6, 7, 8,  
9, 10:00, 11:00 and 12:10

There is one Mass at St. Michael's —  
9:30. Father Lacey has charge of the  
Missbn.

House appointments.-

Fr. Higgins- Anne-Teens, Parent-  
Teachers Association.

Fr. Glavin- Legion of Mary, Holy Name  
Society.

Fr. Lacey- Young peoples club, Sacristan.

Fr. Allnoch- School Athletics, Altar  
Boys.

Fr. Crowley- St. Vincent de Paul Society,  
T.B. Hospital.



J. Floyd Crowley  
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I hope that I haven't left too much out. It is starting to cool off a wee bit, may it continue.

Buckie is fast getting his team into shape, including Buckie. My Mother's address is 65 (sixty-five) Power St. If you have any Annals left over could you send one to my sister, 1929 Laveer St., Philadelphia, 41. Pa. Mrs. Stella Beebe. Also to Miss Alice Ahern, box 68 (sixty-eight) Tracadie, N.B. Canada.

Regards to all,

Floyd.

Dear Bob: How you all! Wish we had an air conditioned stack room. It's still warm. How is Scollard Park? Larry

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Daniel V. Burns  
September 28, 1948

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada  
Sept. 28, 1948

Dear Bob,

At long last, as Eddie said when he abdicated, I am able to answer your request for information. Our local appointments were late in being made. We just kept on from last year and finally we were told there would be no changes. There isn't very much her of that nature any way. Billy Coyle is both Sacristan and Librarian. Greg <Mallon> is Chaplain to the Sacred Heart Convent and I am Chaplain to Providence Convent. Jim Whelihan is Athletic Director as well as coach of the Senior Rugby Team, Boxing in the Winter and Track in the Spring. Larry Moran is coach of the Junior Rugby Team and Hockey in the Winter. I guess that is all there is to the local appointments here. I don't suppose you would consider my Chaplaincy in the Naval Reserve at H.M.C.S. "Tecumseh" as a local appointment, nor Billy Coyle's Chaplaincy (Civilian Chaplain) at No. 10 R.D., R.C.A.F. Also Jim Whelihan is Supervisor of Athletics for all the Separate Schools of the City.

At present Jim is helping in the coaching of the North Hill Blizzard Junior





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Football Team of the City League (a three team League). He is doing a great job in breaking down prejudice. He is considered the best Rugby coach in Western Canada & he is popular with everybody. His name is a by-word in Calgary. He had been with the West End team for the past two or three years, but they got so good, that they got him to go with the poorest team to try and even up the league a little. Up to date they haven't won from the West End, but they are coming close. With a much lighter and less experienced team, they have been showing up well for three periods of the games but haven't the stamina to finish up to the end. They will get to the play-off though and then the master-mind may do the trick.

He has two negroes from the local Stam-peder Senior Football Team helping him to coach the School Senior team. They won their first game, opening game, 16-5 last Friday night. The negroes are giving a lot of color to St. Mary's. Father Moran's Junior team won their first game, the opening game of the season, today — score 10-6.

The Retreat Preacher here was Father Allan McInnes, O.M.I. of Holy Rosary Scholasticate, Ottawa. I know of no additions to the obituary list. Current registration is about 240. No tuition



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fees. They come to our school absolutely free, just as it is in the Public Schools. We are paid salaries by the Calgary Separate School Board. The Catholic taxpayer designates his taxes as Separate School Supporter & the Board merely puts in their estimates for the year to the City Council and get from the City what they need for running the schools.

The Teachers' Convention for the Calgary City Schools (Public & Separate) is taking place on Oct. 25, 26. I am Separate School Representative for the High School Section on the Convention Committee for Organization, and have to attend innumerable meetings after school. Yesterday evening I got hooked for a Chairman job at one of the sessions, to discuss departmental examinations. It may consist merely in introducing a speaker from the Department, but I don't know yet what it may involve. I hate the idea but I couldn't very well get out of it.

Jim and George went out hunting duck this evening. I suppose they will be back with their usual quota (none). They have good fun though.

Our flowers got their first frost last Friday night. It was very slight though and only affected the dahlias and juicier



Daniel V. Burns  
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plants. You should get out here some summer and see our beauty spot.

Best regards to all the brethren.

Dan B.

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Vincent A. Thomson  
September 28, 1948

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Basilian Fathers  
Box 343  
Amherstburg, Ontario  
Sept. 28/48

Dear Bob,

I was glad to hear from you, and will try to accommodate your needs for data for the Annals by submitting the following:

1. The enclosed list of recent deaths appears to be complete.
2. There does not appear to be much major news. The three confreres of the staff are zealously engaged in teaching R.K. in the mornings in the 5 small Catholic Schools of the parish and will extend this work soon to look after the needs of the Catholic pupils in the public high school and the 8 one-room elementary public schools in the parish. And in the afternoons we are occupied in the rather pleasant business of taking the census. Jakey Donlon reports that D.L. Forestell has given a mark to shoot at in that the latter on a recent afternoon knocked off eighteen (18) parish calls in the way of census-taking. I estimate that I personally could reduce the time wasted in the preliminary conversation



Vincent A. Thomson  
September 28, 1948

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occurring at each house that I visit,  
by having a printed placard affixed to  
my chest, bearing the message:

YES, I KNOW FATHER SPRATT.  
HE SURE IS A SWELL GUY.

YES, I KNOW FATHER KELLY.  
HE IS INDEED A CLEVERMAN.

3. Hours of Sunday Mass - 7, 8, 9:30,  
11:00 (High Mass)

4. House Appointments:

Fr. V. McIntyre, B.V.M. Sodality,  
Sanctuary Society.

Fr. B. O'Donnell, Columbian Squires  
(in gestation stage) chaplain,  
Knights of Columbus chaplain

Fr. V.A. Thomson, Holy Name Society,  
Junior Holy Name Society,  
Catholic Women's League.

Fraternally yours

V.A. Thomson

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James W. Embser  
October 4, 1948

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<St. Basil's Novitiate  
402 Augustine Street  
Rochester 13, N.Y.>  
October 4, 1948

Dear Father Scollard,

The picture has been taken and will be in the mail in a day or so. I am sorry of the delay and hope we have not kept you waiting.

The weather is frigid — Novitiate should be in warmer climes. I haven't been warm since I left Texas.

The novices are well and saying the prayers. Today was what is known as a grand holiday.

Sincerely

J. Embser

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Matthew A. Killoran  
September 29, 1948

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<Blessed Sacrament Church  
555 Prince Road  
Windsor, Ontario>  
Sept. 29, 1948.

Dear Bob:-

I have been delayed somewhat but hope this information reaches you in good time. My only puzzle is, why ask me for all this when Jack Atwell could give it so much quicker and more accurate too.

1. Deaths checked as correctly as I know.
2. Sunday Masses at Blessed Sacrament:-  
8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 (High), i.e.  
five Masses from 8 to 12. Last one is High. City provides bus service (special) to 8 from church along Prince Road. No bus on this route at any other time.

Masses, Assumption, on Sunday: 6:15,  
7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30 (High), 12:00.

3. Major local appointments: Father Rorestell replaces Fr. Batty.
4. Fr. Donlon couldn't think of any major news at Assumption. At Blessed Sacrament you know most of it anyway.





Matthew A. Killoran  
September 29, 1948

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Fr. deBilly & Fr. Killoran both got their Easter Duties made early last year.

Plans & blue prints made for an extension to Blessed Sacrament Church. 45 ft. to be added to length. Altar to be moved back, sanctuary larger. Communion railing full width of church, etc. Approximate cost for entire work \$20,000. (Basement enlarged at same time & some changes in offices) Expect to begin in Spring.

New two-room school & chapel attached at Chappus & 7 Mile Road. 57 students enrolled. Mass not said in chapel yet. Expect to begin in few weeks. Approx. cost \$25,000. (Also there is a new house on this property) The property 500 ft by 164

5. Expect to begin a new building at corner of Malden Road & Elliott Road, two-room school & chapel. Will begin there in a few weeks if all goes well.

6. When all is finished Fr. Killoran expects to take up his abode at 999 Queen Street, Toronto, where once he & Charlie Thomas worked on a "World Peace Plan" that was to be "all embracing", meaning that we had to work in conjunction with Pope Pius XII.



Matthew A. Killoran  
September 29, 1948

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Holy Name Society had opening Keno & Raffle last night. Made around \$1100.

I am just giving you a brief sketch of things as they come up. It would take time and space to go into details. I am leaving the wording of it to you. If I try to put it in nice flowing phrases, as Leonard Rush would have done, then I would show you at once how little I know about whether "Milton's prose period was a prostitution of genius to political ends" or not.

Give my best to the brethren at St. Michael's. Don't work too hard & above all watch the high notes in the Preface.

As ever

Matt.

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Matthew A. Killoran  
October 1, 1950

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Basilian Fathers  
Ste. Anne's Church  
1000 19th Street  
Detroit 16, Michigan  
Oct. 1, 1950.

Dear Bob:

I am a little late answering your letter but you can easily understand in a parish this size, and so little help and advice, that it is hard to do things on the dot. Needless to say I was delighted and thankful for your kindness in remembering my brother at Mass. I did get a great consolation from the great number of Masses that were offered by my confreres. It makes a person feel the value of belonging to a Religious Community. When Fr. Crowley heard my brother died he presumed it was my older brother and so he offered the Mass for him. He will have a short funeral when he dies since the Mass is already offered. I will have to write to the Ecclesiastical Review now to find out what my next move will be. I presume we would have to have the wake and the Libera.

I have checked your list and find 1, 2, & 3 are O.K. 4 & 5 can be juggled a little. As you no doubt heard Fr. Rivard has already attained the Ultimate End (according to some) in the way of





Matthew A. Killoran  
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Basilian parishes. He is enjoying the sunny Southland, basking in the arms of luxury. Fr. O'Loughlin has passed through the Purgative Way and by this time must be experiencing the joys of Illuminative Way. The courses he took, while at Ste. Anne's, in Syriac and Aramaic, as well as the course in "fingering the organ", will be of little use when some Mexican is trying to determine whether his marriage is *Mextae religionis* or whether it is "*ad cautelam disparitatis cultus*". Fr. Pokriefka, of happy memory, has moved in bag and baggage. His coveted library stands out as a source of admiration and awe to his poor confreres who have been striving to live on their hundred and twenty and have only the Annals, the Vademecum, Lortie and their breviaries to put on the shelves of their book cases. By the way the other day I went to Poke in all humility and asked him if he could suggest a sermon book on a certain topic. Poke said sure. I have just what you need, handing it ot me with the remark: "There's a d... good book. It has a blue cover and you'll get a kick out of it." Really I must say the first two parts of his statement were true but I have yet to get a kick out of a sermon book. At times I believe Poke is given to exaggeration.... Fr. Donoher is working hard on his Doctorate (?). He is quite put out that University of



Matthew A. Killoran  
October 1, 1950

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Detroit won't give him credit for the four years he spent at the Institute. They figure their standard, at the Institute, is not high enough. Of course Poke doesn't help to cheer him up about it. Fr. Beuglet is going strong. He and I play cribbage regularly. If I can't beat him with the cards I can always make up for it on the counting. He still sings Mass well, though I accuse him of getting too much liaison in his notes in the Preface. Fr. Pope keeps us pepped up, at the meals especially. He is always cracking jokes and won't let the rest of us get a word in at all. I guess Fr. Walsh is due any day now. He will have to go on Rec and I suppose sleep in the little Dorm since all the beds are taken in the big one.

Fr. Kelly has not changed any. He is doing a fine job at Ste Anne's and is a grand superior. The people like him and the school children swear by him. He has brightened up St. Anne's in spite of the fact that it is gradually getting to be the blighted area. And believe me it would take more than a spray of bluestone and lime to protect it against blight. The coloured are moving in and a blow torch wouldn't clean up some of them. Oh yes, Fr. <Max> Murphy is here and going great guns with the Mexicans. At times we



Matthew A. Killoran  
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find it hard to tell whether he is talking Mexican or English. He seems to have too many subjects for the number of verbs. He must make good meditations because he always begins his morning chat where he stopped thinking the night before.

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John F. Onorato  
October 24, 1950

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J.F. Onorato  
Viuzzo Gamberaia, No. 11  
Firenze (Italy)  
Oct 24 - 1950

Dear Bob:-

Received your letter this morning and was sure glad to hear some news about the confreres. First of all, info:

Address: Viuzzo di Gamberaia No. 11.  
Postal Zone - None.  
Telephone: Firenze 506-809

Sure glad to hear that Charlie Lavery and Larry Shook are putting some new blood into the ole school. I think we need more of this kind of work in our system. Of course, Bob, this kind of talk is off the records but it's true. Glad to hear that the "Boss" has consented to send John Ruth as a chaplain in the Canadian Army. I don't know how "Gus" kept Ed Hartmann out of uniform. Is it true that Lee Higgins has returned to the U.S. Army. You know, I was asked to rejoin the Navy a short time ago but I got cold feet in writing to Fr. "Gus". As a matter of fact, I think I'm very fortunate to get his consent to study in Europe for a year. Florence has a fine University, adapted to foreigners who wish to pursue the study of Dante, Italian Literature,





John F. Onorato  
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Art & culture. The city is very beautiful and it's art galleries contain the originals of the great Masters such as Michelangelo, Fra Lippo Lippi, Botticelli, Andrea del Sarto, etc. I've visited quite a few and have really enjoyed it.

I hope to get to Rome sometime this month. Has Terry McLaughlin arrived at the Holy See yet? I expect to call at the Maryknoll House, hoping to contact him or <Frank> Orsini. It's too bad we haven't a House here. It seems all the other Orders have one except the Holy Fathers of St. Basil. Well, maybe someday.

Thanks for the letter, Bob, & I hope to hear from you soon with more news from the home front. Say, Bob, would you send one "Annals" & also an Ordo 1951, when you get around to it.

Give my very best regards to the confreres and let's hear how Aquinas is making out on the gridiron.

Your confrere (under Bondy)

John

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James J. Murphy  
February 13, 1951

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St. Mary's Church  
Owen Sound, Ontario  
Feb, 13th, 1951.

Dear Confrere:-

I am sending you these few lines as usual to ask a favor. It concerns Jimmy Keon. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Corcoran of Owen Sound want to buy him a chalice for an ordination present which has the approval of Jimmy's father and mother. However, Mr. and Mrs. Corcoran want me to pick it out for them. This is a very ticklish thing to do as I might pick out something that Jimmy would not like at all. I wonder if you could sound Jimmy out or get him to pick out the chalice that he would like. Mr. and Mrs. Corcoran are willing to go as high as \$225.00. Anything you can do to help me out with this problem will be very much appreciated, Bob.

If you should happen to see anything in the Toronto stores that would suit Jimmy's taste and is in the price range that I have mentioned, have them set it aside and I will send you the money, if that would be convenient for you.

Everything is going along about as usual up here. Father Batty is leaving



James J. Murphy  
February 13, 1951

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for Waterloo this afternoon and Father  
<John> Sullivan is going to Chicago on  
Sunday to visit a sick uncle. Father  
Oliver is working every day on his  
speech at the arena on Friday in honor  
of the King. So goes life in Owen  
Sound.

Sincerely Yours in Xto

J.J. Murphy

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Walter H. Principe 115  
February 17, 1951< should be 1952>

<36 rue Guilleminot  
Paris XIV, France>  
Feb. 17, 1951

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the interesting letter, though you can add any newsy items you dig up (no pun intended) around the Seminary or College the next time. We're not so terribly lost in our studies, and you are usually two jumps ahead of everyone, anyway.

My book-searching activities have been rather limited to date, and I haven't made inquiries about Vasquez as yet. I don't know how important he is, except that I have seen his opinions quoted re the Inhabitation of the Trinity. Pegues can still be bought at Tqui for 300 francs a volume, except that vols. 1, 4 & 16 are out of print. He also has a Dictionary of the Summa in 2 vols. for 900 fr. (for the two) that might be useful. I haven't found the Italian Encyclopedia anywhere yet, but I'll keep my eyes open for it. The French libraries are a little slow on foreign titles. According to a work that appeared in 1952, 4 volumes have appeared & it is rated as far superior to Catholicisme, the new French encyclopedia. Getting back to Pegues, Vrin



Walter H. Principe  
February 17, 1952

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will get a set for us if we want, 2nd hand and complete, I presume. He hasn't any now but they pass through.

As for suggestions, I'm not sure what your policy is with regard to duplication with the Institute. There is St. Bonaventure and Alexander of Hales to consider, especially the former (Quaracchi). Also, you should, I think, look over again the list of publications from the Montreal Institute and from Vrin's philosophical library. Any study of St. Thomas or of terms in St. Thomas is useful (e.g. Peghaire's study on ratio). But maybe they can be got easily at the Institute. Then there is the Dictionnaire de Spiritualité which is coming out. Chenu's Introduction à l'étude de St. Thomas is very good. The Benedictines of Solesmes, I understand, are editing John of St. Thomas and he should be in the Seminary library, I think. And what about Cajetan? Also, at least the indices of the Leonine edition.

As for the Summa & commentaries on it, I think that the French translation and commentary is invaluable, in some ways better than Pegues. It's published by Desclée and each volume is about 360 francs. Speaking of francs, we get a far better rate of exchange than the official rate (440 as against 350 per



Walter H. Principe  
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dollar) in case you want to pay bills through us.

I think it would be good to get Scheeben if possible, though his work are being translated into English now, aren't they?

Finally there is a volume of bibliography on the Fathers that you probably know of already: Clavis Patrum Latinorum (Sacris Erudiri, III ?) which gives the editions and bibliography for each of the Fathers.

The list of purchases you sent was interesting. I was glad to see some of the titles (the others I don't know). Dom Mocquereau has finally invaded the Seminary. There are a couple of works here at the presbytery attacking his system, especially on the basis of his scholarship which was somewhat arbitrary, apparently. Also I was amused to see such an ardent anti-French partisan as yourself admit a work of Dupin, who was a strong Gallicanist and probably argues for the freedom of the French Church in his work on ancient discipline.

That is all I can think of now, Father. Hope things are going well in the new Seminary. Don't take all the grounds for flowers. Consider the poor scholastics of a sportive nature. I suppose





Walter H. Principe  
February 17, 1952

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that by now you have all the new superiors named. You might send along your draft in case we're travelling in July and don't get the official list.

If anyone speaks of beautiful Paris, tell them that a drizzling rain has just turned snow into nice thick slush. However, Spring should be better! Au revoir —

In Christo,

Walter Principe.

P.S. Mike says hello. He'll write soon, he says. Don't give intoo much to the history dept. WP

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Walter H. Principe  
December 26, 1951

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<36 rue Guilleminot  
Paris XIV, France>  
December 26, 1951

Dear Father Scollard,

Greetings from Paris, and our thanks for the Vademecums & Annals, as well as for your interesting letters. Mike thought it a bit of a reflection on him that you talked books to me, and dimensions and building to him. However, he was interested to get the news. We now have Freddie <Black> with us, and we are going to see a few of the Cathedrals to the north of Paris during the next few days. If you want to make Bob Ritz's mouth water, tell him that we saw Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" the other night, and it was very well done. Ambrose <Raftis> is going to drop in for a few days towards the end of the Christmas holidays.

L'Ami du Clergé (write to Monsieur le Directeur de l'Ami du Clergé, Langres, Haute-Marne) can be obtained either entirely or in the doctrinal section. The price of the doctrinal section was 750 fr. in October this year. It may be up a bit starting in 1952. Subscriptions begin in January and they send you all copies from January on, so I am told by a priest who gets it.



Walter H. Principe  
December 26, 1951

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I am happy to see the library starting to look like something. Keep up the good work! I found a good bookstore that specializes in theology, but I didn't have too many names to give him off hand. Perhaps you could send me the names of those that Fr. Haring suggested and you couldn't get. The only ones I thought when I was at the store were names like Bellarmine (about 100,000 francs when they are around, ca. \$250) Suarez, Vasquez, etc., considerably higher. I can make inquiries about things like Billot (do we have him?) Franzelin, Scheeben, Hervé, Petau (do you want it with a set at the Institute already?) and any others you can think of.

The man has a set of the Dictionnaire de Théologie Catholique for 50,000 francs, 2/3 of the volumes are bound. The publisher's price for new, unbound sets with 2 volumes or fascicules (I forget which) missing, is about 60,000. I think you should put on a strong campaign to get a set for the Seminary, even with one at the Institute. It's the sort of thing one refers to constantly and wants to have on hand. To use your argument, you had better keep me off the staff if, etc.

As I remember the Seminary is badly in need of scriptural books. Father Cross-



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land made up a bibliography that would be worthwhile consulting. The French are getting out a fine set of translations and commentaries combined, that are done by the best men. They might be worth having. There are lots of good books over here. It's a question of whether you want French books or not: the professors at least could use them. The French translations & commentaries of the Summa by the Dominicans, also Pegues, are almost essential, I think. Of course, there is the question of money.

The librarian also has a set of the Dictionnaire d'Archéologie Catholique et Liturgie for 40,000 francs. Duns Scotus is just about impossible to get in the old edition. (Are we getting the new?)

We have to hurry off now to catch a bus to Beauvais, so that I'll close with tardy but best wishes for the graces of Christmas and for the New Year. Once again, thanks for your kind letters.

Sincerely in Christ,

Walter Principe.

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T. Gregory Mallon  
September 27, 1951

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada  
September 27, 1951

Dear Bob,

My typing at the beginning of the school year is not very dependable. The list of appointments and news took quite a while.

We enjoyed your letter. There's not a great deal of news from here. Jim Whelihan got about ten ducks last weekend, and one of his party shot a hole in the car door.

No one here was made a Chevalier. Jim W. was the first to see the news about L.J.B (L.J. Bondy), in the Register, and he announced that Louis got the Croix de Guerre.

Harold O'Leary had had his M.A. from Detroit. This year he got a B.Ed. He seems to be working backwards. Next year he may try for his Alberta Matric.

All were pleased and edified by Father Carr's retreat. (Some, in the East, might question that) We had asked Fr. McCorkell for a Basilian preacher for this year. As a safeguard (we thought) we submitted a list. It was large, but



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Fr. Carr's name was not on it. There were some sharp remarks when we heard who was appointed. However, we were all pleasantly surprised. He used notes, or rather, held notes, and spoke for only 20 or 30 minutes at a time. He insisted on having a clock.

He should write his memoirs. He illustrated his conferences with items from Basilian history. His interpretation of the Irish-French interlude was the most charitable that we had heard. Fr. McCorkell held forth on that topic and other Basilian history one morning on his last visit. I missed it, but the others thought that he should record what he knows.

You might prevail on the two of them. Fr. Carr has only 3 hours a week this year at the University of British Columbia, and almost every square foot of Basilian property must be built upon by now.

I had a "period of training" with the Navy at Esquimalt, and almost got to sea. I may not have to wait as long as Dan Burns, but I may have trouble going as far as he. I heard from him, from London.

That seems to be all for now. If you know of a place where we can get a good



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Christmas card, I would appreciate hearing about it. We use about 800, including those sent to parents of students. I already asked Landy's what they had. No reply yet.

Yours in Christ,

Greg Mallon, C.S.B.

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T. Gregory Mallon  
November 4, 1951

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada  
November 4, 1951

Dear Bob:

We picked a Christmas card from Landy's samples, at 4.40 per C. They wanted 3.50 per C to print our name. We will get them printed here at about 3.50 per 500. I told them to hurry, but that remains to be seen.

Speaking of delivery, we haven't received the Vademecums. Perhaps there's a Frenchman somewhere intercepting them. We could use about 6 more De Profundis cards, too, until we learn it. Evening prayers are in the chapel on Benediction nights and some of us have no pockets.

No one here dared question the spelling of "vitules." Thought it was a new translation or an alternative that had been dug up by the Institute.

The local Basilians who were ordained before 1943 want to know whether their faculties (Basilian Annals, 1950) were renewed in March, 1951. From March to November (or publication of Basilian Annals) are we to presume that our





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procurator-gen'l is on the job. This sort of comment comes up when I am directed to send a large cheque to the "head office". Just received a gracious reply from the latest, "to be used to good advantage, with the completion of the Seminary and blessing of the chapel, Nov. 21".

Jim Whelihan brought home some very fine geese, which we ate for supper last night. Jim's eyes aren't so good any more for reading but he can still look along a shot-gun and see geese, ducks, etc. We have a large deep-freeze now and are looking for a friendly farmer to stock it.

Jim's football team is leading the league, but the bad weather may bring the season to an abrupt end. Lary Moran's juniors were doing well too. Our athletes are free of corruption scandals. If there is any swindling to be done, our coaches take care of it.

Did you hear anything about Fr. Carr's having to wear a business uit? Someone sent us the University of British Columbia students' paper. It had large headlines, "Prof. De-frocked", and an editorial of protest. There were interviews with the President and others. Fr.



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Carr refused to be quoted except to say that he liked his clerical garb. We were trying to picture him with a "pin stripe" and bow tie.

I can imagine Bob Crooker's mental lapses. I met him at St. Michael's for the first time since I tuaght him. He didn't know me from Adam.

Our school board again asked for an additional Basilian, and the message was again relayed to Fr. McCorkell. Perhaps that Frenchman is intercepting mail going that way, too.

All are well and healthily griping.

Yours in Christ,

Greg Mallon, C.S.B.

P.S. Tell Fr. Coughlin that a relative of his died suddenly, Cyril Coughlin, a lawyer at Hanna, Alta.

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Frederick A. Black  
October 6, 1951

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<St. Benet's Hall  
Oxford, England>

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Many thanks for your letter. I was surprised and pleased to hear that the Library and the rest of the Seminary are getting cleaned up. I wish I could see it! Maybe Bernard will take some pictures. I hope you get along all right at the Ontario Hospital. Give my regards to Charlie Thomas, whom you probably know by now. If there is anything at all I can do for you over here please let me know. They have some very fine bookstores. I saw Ambrose Raftis in Cambridge this week, but I haven't heard from the two Parisians yet. I don't know where they are staying. The phone number here at St. Benet's is 4422. If you're over in the vicinity, ring me up!

Gratefully yours in Dno.

Fred Black.

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John F. Collins  
October 6, 1951

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Basilian Fathers  
Mexican Mission Center  
P.O. Box 966  
Rosenberg, Texas  
October 6, 1951

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Basil's Seminary  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto, Canada

Dear Bob:

I received your letter and will do the best I can to answer your questions. Some of them will be difficult. We have been having some sessions with Father <Vincent> Kennedy regarding the duties of the Mission Director and the two Rectors and Pastors. The General Council is going to send a final draft of the rules and regulations to us sometime later. You will probably get a copy of them before I do, and can get that part of our setup from them.

Another point — I wrote to Father McCorkell about changing Father Shannon to Wharton and leaving Father Broussard at Rosenberg. I have not received an answer from the General; again, you will be able to get that sooner than I will.

The entire local appointments will be determined by the proposed change of



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Shannon and Broussard. The reason for the proposed change is that Broussard is working at Richmond, the scene of the next church to be, and I would like to have him stay on and continue the great work he is doing there rather than try a "new horse".

At the request of the Bishop we have taken on Navasot again. The old church, formerly used by the non-Mexicans before they built another, has been given to use. It has not been renamed so I can't give you the name at this time. We now have over one hundred families in Navasota. We will have confirmations there on October 7th and also at Brookshire on the same day.

We held our big bazaar at Rosenberg last Sunday — that is the day we bring in all of the people from the Missions — they numbered about 3000 this year. It was financially a success.

During the past year we had a very heavy building program which consisted of the following:

We built a residence at Wharton for the new Mission Center. It is one story, built on the same style as the church. There are three offices, four bedrooms, a community room, dining room, store room, kitchen, bath, and living quarters for the cook.



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We built an addition to Christ the King Church at New Gulf. The church now forms a cross and the seating capacity has been doubled.

We built a hall at Wharton which will some day be a school. It is adobe style, large enough for four classrooms. It is 35 feet wide and 108 feet long, and is made of cement blocks, plastered on the outside.

In Rosenberg we acquired and renovated an old house and turned it into a clinic to take care of our sick. The building has a waiting room, office, examination room, treatment room, dental room, drug store, doctor's room, two baths, a privat office that I use, and also a large room which we use for classes in practical nursing and health. The Bishop gave us the money to remodel the building and get all the necessary equipment — \$11,000.00 in all.

We have a sister, a registered nurse, who takes care of the Clinic. We are open six days a week. The doctors and dentists donate their time and all the medical care and medicine is free. We handle only the indigent. The following services are offered: pre-natal care, sick and well-baby care, pediatrics, dental care, and general care for ambulatory patients. We also have a complete





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immunization program — all the shots to prevent disease.

I am in charge of the Clinic as Clinic Director. The Sister is salaried, and the Bishop pays all the expenses. The name of the Clinic is: Guadalupe Clinic 1600 Avenue "D", Rosenberg, Texas.

If you want any further explanation on the clinic, I will be glad to send it to you upon request.

We have six Sisters of Divine Providence in the school at Rosenberg. One sister of the same order in the Clinic, and two catechists of the same order doing catechetical work on the Missions. We also have four catechists from Mexico working on the Missions. Our school will run about 320 this year.

Without cost to us, the city paved the street in front of our buildings in Rosenberg during the past year. The street in front of the Church in Wharton was also paved.

We again had the two baseball leagues under the general direction of Father Max Murphy. St. Henry's Church in Freeport won the Senior championship and Christ the King Church's Juniors won the Minor League championship.





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I am enclosing letterheads for the two centers and Missions. The two centers have been changed, but I am keeping this letterhead for the sole use of the Director.

I am sending you, underseparate cover, some pictures I had taken. I hope they will fit the bill and that you will be able to use them.

I am attaching a sheet showing the Mass schedules. The Local House appointments are not made as yet, due the fact that we awaiting word in regard to the recommended appointment change of Shannon and Broussard. Fathers Max Murphy and Leo Adam will make those appointments. I guess we better skip them for this year as it will probably be too late for the Annals when they are made.

You will be able to get a better line-up on the preaching from Vin Fullerton than from me. However, I preached in Cleveland and in Brooklyn. Max Murphy and J. Shannon preached in Iowa. Then Father McCorkell, Father Vahey, Father Mullins, Father Record, Father Flahiff also preached, but you better check with Vin for any others.

No one from the Missions acquired an academic degree during the past year.



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We are going to have an "Open House" celebration in Wharton on Monday, October 8th, for Basilians only. We had one earlier for the public, at which time a great deal of the furnishings were donated.

Another little note: for the past five months we have had the help of Father Lawrence Lee, a secular priest from the Galveston Diocese, working in the Clinic and saying Mass for us. He was loaned to us by the Bishop.

There is little other news that I can give, except maybe this: you know that the University of St. Thomas has a summer home called "Stella Maris" on the Gulf of Mexico and in the Corpus Christi Diocese, about 225 miles from Houston. I mention this because I was in the middle on that deal between Guina, the Bishop of Galveston (My Friend) and a third party. Maybe there will be no mention of it apart from this. However, you can check with the General on that — he knows about it.

We also hope to be able to send one of the young mento Mexico this year to study Spanish, but as yet I don't know who or when.

I believe that this just about sums up all that you asked.



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I will identify the pictures that I send you. When you are finished with them would you give them to the Mission Leader at the High School <St. Michael's College School> or to Vin to give to Looby.

The death list of relatives is correct as far as we know here. No one knows of any others apart from those on the list.

I hope that you get into your Library soon.

All the confreres here are in good health and apart from Father O'Rourke and Father <Frank> Walsh all the confreres in Houston seem to be in good shape. Ferg Sheehy seems to like the South.

With kindest personal regard, I remain

Sincerely yours

John Collins

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Francis D. Flood  
October 17, 1951

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Assumption College  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
Oct. 17, 1951

Dear Bob:

We have the 1937 edition of the Lynn classification which we are not using and will be glad to loan you. I am a little interested in L.C. but feel we may have to wait awhile for the present.

As for PMLA, we don't have any at present but decided to subscribe to it & then see what we can do about back issues.

I would like Roly Janisse to order me a new Mame but I would like the large size. According to a catalog I got last year the new large edition with the Canadian proper was to be out in January 1951. I would not want to settle for anything less.

Had a great day with the visitation of the Royal couple. We saw them for 2 minutes while the rest of the time they were being introduced to the former politicians of the neighborhood.

With regards,

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.



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P.S. I am not particular about the price as I figure I use it more than most books.

F.D.F.

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J. Ambrose Raftis  
October 25, 1951

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St. Bonaventure's  
Cambridge, England  
Oct. 25/51

Dear Father Scollard,

Received your letter of Oct 23 today;  
and the title of my thesis at Laval is:  
The Place of Economic Co-operation in  
Modern Economic History.

Things are going fairly well here, although cold weather settled in this week and when it settles in in England you really know it, as no central heating. I had a letter from the continental brethren (Princiep & Sheehan) last week and they seem to be fine. My insular confrere — Freddie Black — was over to see me for a couple of days at the beginning of this month. Reg. O'Donnell was in London up till this week at least probably in Ireland now.

I am sure you will be very busy with the new library and all. Regards to all and will be looking forward to Annals.

Yours in Xto

Ambrose

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J. Reginald O'Donnell  
January 11, 1951

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Oxford, England  
11 Jan 1951

In my first ignorance, I bought a Cambridge card without looking. Had a good trip. Tell Fr. <Vincent> Kennedy that I shall write him shortly as I have nothing much to tell him about as yet. I shan't know till Tuesday or Wednesday. Phone No. is 3607 just in case you are interested. They read P.G. Wodehouse at meals here.

J.R.O'D.

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Robert H. Flood  
November 27, 1951

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St. John Fisher College  
3690 East Avenue  
Rochester 18, New York  
Nov. 27, 1951

Dear Fr.

Thanks for that degree in the "Annals". By that I mean I haven't it yet — officially till June. Do hope to be able to scoot down to get it — officially. Did you get the thesis? If not, somebody has it because the report from D.C. is that it's gone — someplace. I have a yen to see it in the finished form. Haven't seen it since June. Am willing to bet there are misprints, mistakes, etc. of some interesting items. The "style" was deadly the last time I saw it, but all according to specifications of the "scholarly method". The two volumes which cover all courses in Seminaries is due out this year, but I'll bet it's two years in the making. All the subjects are done now, but, still the first ones will need addition + revision, a nasty job for some degree-hunter.

What's new at the new Seminary library? Buying? Selling? We need to build up a community library here. Have made a start in a way. No budget, so I keep buying till the Auditor comes. Weak in



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foreign languages is the collection, all except German. Should get Mike Sheehan and Cie to work on some things. We'll see. Have started no classifying or cataloguing yet -- no workers, no materials, no library! Contractor is one who did pyramids long ago -- we're at same speed. Still living at 402 Augustine with Aquinas faculty.

Regards to all;

Yours in Christ,

Bob Flood, C.S.B.

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A. John Ruth  
December 10, 1951

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Capt. A.J. Ruth  
Chaplain (RC) 2RCR  
CAPO 5000  
c/o Postmaster  
Vancouver, B.C.

Korea  
Dec. 10/51

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for the Annals & the Vademecum. I'll speak to you at closer range about the quote.

After two months in Japan I'm back at what is generally known as the sharp end, although it's been rather blunt for the past week. The peace talks seem to be getting somewhere but could blow up at any moment. I'm still saying Office & I was wondering if you could send me the Ordo for 1952. I find that I sometimes get mixed up by myself.

We are well dug in for the winter & I'm hoping that we won't have to do much moving. We may be coming back in the early Spring, but it will depend on how many chaplains they have as replacements. In any case I hope





A. John Ruth  
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to get out before the summer, more  
than a year here is a little too much.

Take it easy on the Christmas cheer.  
I wish I could safely send a little  
back to the confreres, it's so cheap  
here. But I'm afraid the Customs might  
object.

In Christ

A.J. Ruth

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Charles Roume  
November 11, 1951

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+ Annonay, le 11 novembre 1951

Pour le R.P. Scollard

Mon cher Père,

Vou m'avez posé il y a longtemps une question au sujet de votre blason et des paroles: Doce me etc. J'ai bien cherché depuis tous nos Archives, mais en vain. Je pense que notre blason à nous est celui du Collège du Sacré-Coeur; et le vôtre, celui du Collège St Michel, devenu celui de la Communauté de Toronto ensuite. Par conséquent il devrait remonter jusqu'à la date à laquelle le Collège St. Michel a pris de l'importance, donc bien avant 1870. Mais ce sont de pures conjectures.

M. Léorat-Picansel, vicaire général, est né le 24 novembre 1841. Il est mort le 23 Mai 1823. La date de sa naissance manque sur les Basilian Annals. C'était un homme très remarquable et qui a joué un grand rôle dans les commencements. Dans l'Histoire d'Annonay et du Haut-Vivaraïs par l'Abbé Filhol, t. III, p. 439, on trouve son portrait, tenant la Bible que j'ai remise au P. W. Dore lors de son passage ici.

Le persecution religieuse nous a dépouillés de bien des choses, mais il



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nous reste toutefois entre autres 2 tableaux qui ciennent de l'ancienne église des Franciscains (qui servait de chapelle au vieux collège), et surtout les boiseries du choeur et de la sacristie de cette église. Elles sont du pur XVIIIe siècle, mais elles ont été malheureusement peintes.

Pourriez-vous m'envoyer avec les Basilian Annals de cette année, quelques mementos mortuaires, souvenir des confrères défunts. Mais peut-être ne les faites-vous imprimer que de temps en temps?

Veuillez agréer, mon cher Père, avec mes remerciements, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs en Xto et Marie.

C. Roume, C.S.B.

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Charles Roume  
December 26, 1952

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+ Annonay, le 26 Decembre 1952

Cher Père Scollard,

Excusez-moi de vous avoir fait attendre si longtemps une réponse. J'étais en train de revoir les archives de la Communauté et de rechercher si je ne trouvais pas quelque pièce qui ait de l'intérêt pour vos. J'en ai trouvé une, que je vous transmets. Comme les archives ne sont pas en ordre parfait, tant s'en faut, il est toujours possible de faire des découvertes de lettres égarées dans un dossier étranger. L. donc j'en trouvais d'autres, je vous les ferais parvenir.

Je suis très heureux des nouvelles que vous me donnez du Séminaire et du Collège St Michel.

Nous avons eu nous-mêmes ici pendant les vacances les P.P. Principe, Sheehan et Black. Les deux premiers ont fait leur retraite avec nous; ils ont suivi très facilement les prédications, c'est vous dire s'ils ont fait des progrès dans la connaissance du français. Les P.P. Forestell et Malley ont passé seulement un jour our deux, mais ils nous ont promis de revenir aux vacances.

J'ai appris avec plaisir l'ordination de M. William O'Brien, dont j'ai fait





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la connaissance à l'île, et qui est très sympathique. J'ai gardé le meilleur souvenir, entre autres de M. O'Gorman.

Il sera un peu tard quand cette lettre vous parviendra pour que je lui conf' mes vœux de Noël et de Nouvel An. Mieux vaut tard que jamais, dit le proverbe. Je vous les offre donc et vous exprime en terminant mes sentiments religieux les meilleurs.

Ch. Roume, C.S.B.

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E. Blake Coll  
February 17, 1952

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada  
Feb. 17, 1952.

Dear Bob:

Greetings from the outer darkness. Perhaps some of the fledgings in the new house of studies would like to know that the Basilians (artic division) are aware of the fact that something new for scholastics has been added.

I wonder if you could help me in a small project that I'm stuck with. I have a small chore to for a course out here, namely a work on Maritain, man and educator. Could you let know where I can get some books or articles on the subject. I have his book on education, the core work. However, I have yet to find a good biography. Someone mentioned one published recently. Fr. Carr advised Madame M's book, We were Friends Together. I think the title of it is; also, could you tell me if his articles in Commonweal, I think is the publication, are listed and available. Perhaps you know of some biliography fairly up to date.

Sounds like a lot of information required. Perhaps some under-librarian would have it at his finger tips. At



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any rate, any help would be most gratefully received. Hope all goes well in the banana belt.

Yours fraternally

Blake Coll.

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E. Blake Coll  
April 14, 1952

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada  
April 14, 1952

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the books which arrived safely some time ago and which I am very late in acknowledging. They were excellent and will be returned shortly.

I am counting on being in Toronto about ordination time and will likely take some of your valuable time in discussing a reading list and the ordering of some key works for the coming year.

We are having a few warm days and cannot make up our minds whether it's our summer or just the beginning of Spring, either could be true.

We received an announcement of St. Michael's coming celebration, very posh, like a menu from the Stork Club. (I saw one once.) Quite a stretch of territory covered. Perhaps an announcement will also be carried on the Voice of America for those who are slightly off the regular mailing routes, or a bulletin in the V.N. Seriously, it is in keeping with the dignity of the event.



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April 14, 1952

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I believe Fr. McCorkell is away.  
Strange that the big leagues are opening at the same time. However, more power to him, though I hope he misses that crest that's heading down the Missouri just now. We have a river in our front yard and know something about spring run-off from the mountains.

Thank you for your kindness and be sure the books will be returned in good shape.

Yours in Our Lord

Blake.

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E. Blake Coll  
November 30, 1952

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The Basilian Fathers  
1818 First Street East  
Calgary, Canada  
November 30, 1952

Dear Bob:

Your information about the books was very welcome and I am enclosing a cheque for five dollars. Thank you very much. The work goes slowly, if I may coin a phrase. I suppose all such works do when no library is available.

I was amused at your reference to a drought at the Seminary. I think we could give lessons in (ch) such climatic conditions to any other house. We are not only dry we are mumified.

Dan Corrigan had a very unfortunate and serious accident here last week. This may be confidential as he usually doesn't want much said about his affairs. He came to attend a consecration and that night coming home he came in through the new entrance. In the dark he followed the pathway in the house which, in his day, would have taken him upstairs. Unfortunately the entrance now faces the cellar stairs and he had a terrible fall, the full length to the concrete floor, a long distance below. His head was badly cut and, the cause of most alarm, some injury to his





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back. X-rays show no damage to the fusion but there is quite a bit of pain and we are hoping it is "only" a sprain. He is in hospital, no new place for him. If the news has not yet reached Toronto, perhaps you would do well to let someone else break it.

Your remark about Fr. McCorkell coming west is amusing. He wrote George <Thompson> some time ago and took two paragraphs to tell why he couldn't come. The last paragraph in the letter said he thought early in December would be the best time to arrive.

We hear that Montreal has a Cardinal. I imagine Quebec City will have a nice schism operating by Christmas. I suppose the powers that be will hesitate to send scholastics to the Quebec Seminary until they have announced their views on a married clergy in the new church.

We heard most of the Basilian talks on the C.B.E. and were properly impressed. I came in in the middle of Louie's <Bondy>, big Louie's that is, and didn't recognize the voice until he said "Jacques Maritain". From then on there was no doubt. I'm sure I'd recognize that pronunciation of that name in the Kremlin.

Thanks again for the books. Also the





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Annals which arrived some time ago.  
The ages were a good reprint, though  
we had hopes of finding the I.Q's listed  
this time.

Please say hello to all and a special  
one to Bob Montague.

Yours in Our Lord

Blake.

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Vincent L. Kennedy  
March 6, 1952

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Collège Pontifical Canadien  
117 Quattro Fontane  
Rome  
Mar. 6, 1952

Dear Fr. Scollard:

I am sending you the text of the new Holy Saturday ceremonies. If you read the decrees at the beginning, you will see that the Congr. of Rites has extended for another 3 years, the permission to have these ceremonies on Saturday night — always, of course, at the discretion of the Ordinary. So if you can persuade James Charles <Cardinal McGuigan> to O.K. them for his diocese, it would be a very nice thing for the new Seminary. They are supposed to being at such time as would bring the celebration of Mass to about midnight.

The chief changes I note are (1) the prophecies are cut to four; (2) a new ceremony the renewal of baptismal vows is introduced at the end of the blessing of the font. I judge that the Exultet is just as difficult to sing as ever.

On page 6, you will find the rules about Holy Communion, Eucharistic fast, etc. They are quite interesting.



Vincent L. Kennedy  
March 6, 1952

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This booklet cost me the enormous price  
of 250 lire (1 dollar equals 680 lire)

Best wishes to all

V.L. Kennedy

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Vincent L. Kennedy  
April 1, 1952

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Collège Pontifical Canadien  
117 Quattro Fontane  
Rome  
April 1/52

Dear Fr. Scollard:

I ordered today for you from Desclée & Co. a Canon Missae approximately 14" x 10" bound in half-leather and cloth at the price of 8000 lire, i.e. about 12.90 plus shipping charges. They will send you the bill (and the book).

Desclée has no Ritus ordinandi, only the complete Pontifical. Pustet and an Italian firm have them but their editions do not contain the new changes. They merely give you a fly-leaf containing the new rubrics. May I counsel patience for a year or so until they get around to a new edition? Incidentally Pustet wants 40.00 for the "Ritus" bound in half-leather; size 20" x 14".

Desclée wanted 25.00 for the Canon Missae bound in full leather. I assume that I interpreted your wishes correctly in buying the cheaper book.

It looks as though Spring must have arrived in Toronto with all your plans for benches and a tennis court. It has arrived here; 80 degrees today.



Vincent L. Kennedy  
April 1, 1952

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Did you get the "Ordo" for Holy Saturday which I sent you? It was sent ordinary mail which they tell me is hopelessly slow.

Next week the visitors start coming. Principe and Sheehan from Paris and a family from Chicago — relations of Fr. McCorkell. The following week a family from Amherstburg. Mons. Davis is due here sometime soon. I won't get much work done for two weeks.

The Easter vacation begins tomorrow and the exodus of students from the Canadian College is on. Five going to Spain, 20 to the Holy Land and others going North. There will be lots of room for visitors. Best regards to all.

Sincerely yours in Xyo.

V.L. Kennedy.

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John J. McReavy  
March 26, 1952

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St. John Fisher College  
3690 East Avenue  
Rochester 18, New York  
Mar. 26/52

Dear Father,

Greetings from everybody at St. John Fisher! I hope you are well and have things to your liking at the new Seminary. Everything is fine here, and the building will soon be finished.

I am teaching Logic this term and enjoy doing so. As a matter of fact it is the Logic which prompts this letter. I would like very much to get hold of some copies of Logic exams from St. Mike's, so that I could use them as a guide in setting my own exams.

I thought perchance there might be some around the Library which you could spare, or, if not spare, then perhaps lend me for a short time. I would be deeply grateful if you could help me.

The confreres are all enjoying good health. Particularly so in the case of myself whom I believe to be more sound and more zestfully full of sparkling vitality, this year, than for some years past. The work and the climate seem determined to make life enjoyable.



John J. McReavy  
March 26, 1952

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I imagine there is considerable activity around Toronto, getting ready for the Centennial Celebrations, and no doubt you are doing your share of it. We are all looking forward to being there to add a "tiger" to any "three cheers" that anybody proposes. Best regards from all,

Yours in Christ

Jack McReavy

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John J. Miller  
April 20, 1952

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20 April 1952

Dear Bob:

My Sgt. brought in your letter as I was on my way over to the Mess Hall to say Mass and here I am dutifully answering it some 3 hrs. later. First of all I instructed a bone-headed assistant of mine to mail that book to you on the 27th of November and obviously he has goofed up on it. I will write to Lackland today and try to find out what happened to it. So patiently hold on and I will pay you all!

Your letter is the first Basilian news I've had since I've been here. Let me tell you I appreciate it no end. John Ruth and I got together the night of the 17th of March and the following morning up at the 2 R.C.R. Up until that time I'd been working furiously to 'do up' the Chapel and build a Blessed Sacrament Chapel and to establish a beachhead with the troops. Everything worked out nicely including the falling of Lent at an appropriate time to capitalize on the efforts. The only hitch is that as of Easter Monday, I find myself sitting in a tent, knee-deep in mud as close to the thriving little province of Manchuria as you can get without a passport. We are really starting from scratch.



John J. Miller  
April 20, 1952

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Our outfit is the 6147th Tactical Control Group, known as the Mosquitos — they fly missions at tree top level armed only with smoke rockets. Working with a radio control jeep they mark the targets for the jets and the artillery and as a consequence constantly come home with holes liberally spread through their ships. As yet the losses have been trivial, but it definitely seems as though the law of averages is going to actch up with them.

Never having been the outdoor type and always holding that all Boy Scouts should be eliminated because of the planting in the infantile minds a desire to be the hiking type and thereby setting back the progress of civilization I don't go for this too much.

I have hopes of getting the Chapel built this week. It will be a couple of Tropical shells which look pretty rough from the outside but with a well developed trait of 'scrounging', I'm sure the inside will have that 'down town' effect.

The Basilians are in charge of this 6147th Gp. I only have one Protestant Chaplain with me and I'm the Boss, so there are no great problems. Up until 6 weeks ago the C.O. was a Catholic and



John J. Miller  
April 20, 1952

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most of the Hq Section. However the new C.O. is very friendly and helpful.

I'm avidly awaiting your erstwhile contribution, be it only a capitalized F, for feast.

Give my best to the good Fathers and keep up the wonderful job you so quietly and effectively do, not only in your own work, but in keeping the true Basilian spirit(which I definitely admire in you so very much).

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Jack.

P.S. My address which I wish you would publicize:

Capt. John J. Miller, AO-520647  
6147th Tactical Control Group  
APO 970 c/o P.M., S.F., Calif.

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John F. Madden  
April 28, 1952

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St. Mary of the Annunciation  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
April 28 1952

Dear Father Scollard,

Most of the requests for books, information etc. that I have gotten from confreres since I've been here I have been able to fill. But I have certainly been a washout in helping you. I have come across no copies of those ceremonial tomes you listed in the earlier letters, and I find from the rector of the Seminary here, Msgr. Reilly, that that edition of the seminary ceremonial has been long exhausted; what few copies are still around are in use and at a premium. However, he says that a new edition is nearing completion, replete with additions and revisions.

I spent an interesting and informative (after a fashion) couple of days at the meeting of the Medieval Academy of America. I figure that I ought to start circulating in that level a bit. Was very happy to see Father Denomy, who might stay around Harvard for a while, as well as Father Phelan and Joe Ryan.

My own work is progressing satisfactorily. I hate like the dickens to stick my neck



John F. Madden  
April 28, 1952

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out but the great Magoun feels for certain that I can have my opus, if not finished completely, at least in shape to return to the community in the Fall. I hope I have the intestinal fortitude to stick at it and so be available. Right now things look good.

Give my best to all the confreres.

Ever in Christ,

Jack

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John A. Warren  
September 18, 1952

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St. Charles College  
258 Pine Street  
Sudbury, Ontario  
Thursday p.m. Sept. 18th

Dear Robert:

Many thanks for your extremely good seed and letter. I'll write Fr. Shook a note of thanks.

Re news about our diggin's up thisaway, news for the Annals, I suggest you quizz Norman Iversen. He has been here for three months this summer and was here last year too, so knows the place very well; much better than I do. I am enclosing a bit of literature that Matt <Mulcahy> is passing around to the parishes. It gives all the gen on the proposed building.

They tell me the pastors hereabouts have been most co-operative and generous, likewise the people.

I don't know if first impressions can be trusted, but I was pleasantly surprised with the school, building and quarters — all conveniences indoors, too, plus central heating. The town is rather frowzy but has a jumping shopping district. You likely know that the countryside in the environs



John A. Warren  
September 18, 1952

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of Sudbury is bare of vegetation — bare rock hills and muskeg, with a scattering of skinny birches is the type of landscape. But, a few miles from here one sees bush, a welcome sight. Went to Copper Cliff & Creighton last Sunday. The former is bright-looking, the latter, well, not much to be said for it.

We have 123 boys in Grades 9 & 10 — tuition \$75 a year; 4 classrooms, 2 on ground floor, one on second and one on 3rd where our living quarters and community room are located. Chapel is on 2nd floor. German couple looks after our domestic needs, adequately. Classes run from 9:00 to 3:00, forty minutes each. Same for lunch. Physical training is a regular class — consists of football, volley ball, basketball, bowling, hockey, and, by jove, curling.

This is sketchy. Hope it helps some. I'm sure Norm Iversen can give you no end of news.

Thank you again for the good deed. May see you at the Centenary if I can balance my books; unlike Matt K. I haven't spent the \$120 but am dangerously close.

Ora pro nobis

J. Warren

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John A. Warren  
October 6, 1952

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St. Charles College  
258 Pine St.  
Sudbury, Ontario  
Oct. 6th, 1952.

Dear Rev. Scollard:

Many and many a thanks to you and your colleague for sending us the much-needed French books. We do appreciate it a great deal and will most assuredly make good use of them. There was also a box of paper covers for texts — they are much appreciated by the kids; seems as how they don't get them there things on this fringe of civilization. Would have dashed off a line sooner but we are up to our ears in campaigning for \$400,000 for a new school; meetings, phone calls and interviews with canvassers take endless hours. Let us hope and pray that it will be to some avail. It is too early as yet to make any forecast as to the success of the campaigning, but everyone seems to be quite hopeful.

I shall write the Rev. Shook a note of thanks for his donation of the books.

Sincerely,

J. Warren

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Robert G. Ritz  
November 21, 1952

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71 rue Lachevrotière  
Québec, P.Q.  
Nov. 21, 1952

Dear Father,

Despite the apparent fund of knowledge in this envelope, I doubt if there's too much of real interest except the fact that the majority of privileges accorded priests-members of the Bona Mors Society have been retracted since March 29, 1933. The remaining indulgences can be gained by priest-members provided they have said the promised 1 Mass a year for those in agony as prescribed by the Society.

Excuse this rather abrupt introduction but I wanted to give you immediately the essential part of what I learned this afternoon from the Quebec Director, M. l'Abbé Brunet, Oratoire de St. Joseph, 96 Chemin Ste. Foy, Quebec. He said that the Superior General in Rome is trying to get back for the Society those privileges "retirés" in 1933. There is some hope since, according to him, Rome has done such for other Confraternities. Voilà l'essentiel. If I can be of any further "help", just let me know.

Thank you very much for the Annals. I found them ost interesting and, more-



Robert G. Ritz  
November 21, 1952

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over, quite attractive in the green cover (in honor of Fr. Moloney and the Irish minority in the band of early Basilian pioneers?). Actually, before receiving this copy, Charlie had given me one of his; I'll be returning that to him this Sunday. At least I can't complain of receiving too little news henceforth!

The tenacious ice and snow "bade us goodbye" today. Winter will probably be back tomorrow more furious than ever. That has already happened twice. Indeed, Fr. McCorkell brought a storm (I'm speaking only of exterior nature) with him last Sunday.

I appreciated your news from the Sem. Despite my liking Quebec so much, I can't help but regret missing the conferences on the liturgical use of candles and of incense. But, then, one must expect such hardships when one is "abroad" and away from the Community.

The lists of library acquisitions is very informative: a fine idea for which Jack should be congratulated.

Thanks sincerely for telephoning home when in Rochester. I really envy your being at St. John Fisher's blessing.





Robert G. Ritz  
November 21, 1952

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These 2 months have really sped by. I suppose I'm making progress in speaking French but the progress is certainly not fast enough for me. That's the main reason why I'm staying here for Christmas. I think it's possible to "faire du ministère" (sans prédication) somewhere in the province! Background reading for the thesis won't be neglected but, truthfully speaking I have little hope of completing the latter this year. Clarence was indeed an exception, I can now realize. Please remember me to Fr. Monaghan & the others.

An anticipated but no less sincere  
"Joyeux Noël".

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

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Charles J. Principe  
December 2, 1952

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Faculté de Théologie  
Université Laval  
Québec  
Dec. 2, 1952

Dear Father,

Thanks very much for your letter, Father. It sounds as if things are really happening fast in St. Mike's Centennial Year with the new section of Library, the new building on the way, etc. Thanks for the Annals, which made pleasant reading too. As for the library acquisition list, it looks great; in fact, you'll probably have to tear them away from me if I get my hands on some!

You asked about ceremonies here. It is a little hard to keep an eye on them because the Seminarians sit in choir in the sanctuary of the Basilica here. But probably a bigger reason is that I'm not the most noted for being observant. I have trouble that way. However, I did time us at Communion time in our chapel (which has the benches in choir-style too). We use a communion cloth too, two servers holding it extended across the front of the platform where the priest stands. The seminarians approach by fours, but it really works as two groups of two; for example, in the sketch, couple e receive while couple a is descending to genuflect



Charles J. Principe  
December 2, 1952

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with couple c. Couple d leaves room for the inside man of couple a to cut across in front of them after a genuflects with c. Of course, as soon as a descends from receiving b ascends to receive. This action alternates from side I to side II and back. I timed them twice and both times it seemed like it took just a few seconds under 7 minutes. Now there are about 165 (?) seminarians here but the number actually receiving at the main altar may be about 150 to 155. I'm not sure, but those are approximate numbers. (I just checked: there are 171 seminarians but you have to subtract about 15 from that for Communion at the main altar.)

We had a Pontifical Mass but before your letter arrived so I have no info on that as yet.

St. John Fisher is almost like a dream isn't it? The picture in the Annals is excellent. In this case the picture doesn't belie the fact either, does it?

They really have long ceremonies here. The sermon time is longer on Sunday and then the Archbishop presides most of the time (and there is usually one Auxiliary Bishop and several Monsignori) so that takes time. The choir, a select group of seminarians, sings all the chant (i.e. the Proper), while a boy-



Charles J. Principe  
December 2, 1952

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soprano schola alternates with the sanctuary choir for the Ordinary. Even in our chapel here all the Gregorian is sung at High Masses by the same group. Vespers on Sunday night is really wonderful.

Well, God willing, I shall see you all in slightly over three weeks. Exams are to be tackled first, though. May Christ be born in us more and more.

In Christ and Mary

Charlie

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J. Terence Forestell  
December 3, 1952

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117 Quattro Fontane  
Rome, Italy  
Dec. 3, 1952.

Dear Father Scollard,

I've been going to drop you a line for some time but just now got around to it. Fr. Coughlin may have told you what I am going to do with respect to Scripture books. In general, I am going to wait until my last year in Rome to pick up the necessary books for preparing courses for the Seminary. In the meantime, however, I'm going to get anything that may be hard to get in the future which is pointed out to me. For that reason, I have ordered the Jerusalem Bible which is now nearing completion but which, in re-publication, is likely to cut the introductions severely which is the chief merit of the work.

I should appreciate it if you would keep me informed on whatever acquisitions you make for the library in the Scripture department & as soon as the catalogue is completed, I would appreciate a copy of it so that I will not duplicate anything. I have a general mental idea of what you already have but would like to have a clear idea as soon as that is possible. I think it would be worthwhile to subscribe to the English review "Scripture". It is fairly new,



J. Terence Forestll  
December 3, 1952

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(about 4 volumes). Perhaps it would be possible to complete it. I would not consider subscribing to "Revue Biblique" right away because it is pretty technical & and its practical value in the Seminary would therefore be doubtful. I may get it for myself later on.

There is a Hebrew Lexicon in the library which I used last year which I discover I shall need next year. It is an analytical Lexicon (not a general dictionary) which analyzes the forms of all words occurring in the Old Testament. It has a brown cloth binding. There is no hurry for it but don't let anyone throw it away.

Things are going well. We have been seeing a lot of Rome. The studies this year aren't too difficult but from what I can gather, I'll have my hands full the two following years. Cardinal Léger was here when nominated Cardinal & is staying on until after the Consistory. There will be a lot of interesting ceremonies at that time. The only edifying ceremonies I've seen so far were those at Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange's Jubilee Mass but they were Dominican rite — very interesting nevertheless. I'm enclosing a couple of pictures taken at Annonay. Please remember us in your prayers. Thanks very much for everything.

Yours in Christ,  
J.T. Forestll, CSB



P.S. If you get the opportunity to pick up a set of the "International Critical Commentary" from some parson's library, take advantage of it, as it is one of the chief Protestant works recommended at the Biblical.

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